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COMMUNIST TACTICS BEATEN

Koreans Brave Violence To Vote

Nearly Complete Poll Taken

Seoul, Korea, May 10.
Hours before the polling boxes were due to close in south Korea today, it was apparent that the Communists had been utterly defeated in their efforts to destroy the election.

Despite widespread acts of violence raging from bomb outrages in the town of Kaosong, near the Russian-American border, to mass attacks on polling booths, elsewhere through the country, millions of Korean men and women turned out to vote.

Early this afternoon in Seoul, it was estimated that 92 per cent of eligible registered voters had already cast their votes.

Throughout the day, police reports of terrorist violence and attempted intimidation flowed in from Seoul but there was little evidence of violence in the city itself.

Women, carrying children on their backs, joined their husbands in the long lines at the polling booths and quietly recorded their votes.

Lieutenant-General Hodges, Commander-in-Chief of the American forces in south Korea, told Reuters A.P. that all reports had been most satisfactory. The capture of the Communist plans to upset the election had enabled the police authorities to take adequate steps to prevent mass terrorist activities on a widespread scale, he said.

The General emphasised, however, that the Communists were certain to attempt to destroy the ballot boxes tonight when they are taken from polling booths to the central counting centres.

Bombs
Thrown

Because of the Communists attempt to destroy all internal communications in south Korea at the weekend, full reports of incidents from outlying areas may not be available until tomorrow. Earlier reports indicated that the worst violence had occurred at Kaosong and at Taegu, a central town where Communists have recently been reported to be active.

Solution
For Germany

The Hague, May 10.
The Political Committee of the Congress of Europe today adopted a resolution calling for the integration of Germany into a "federated Europe as the only true solution of the economic and political problem" of that occupied country.

The resolution, which will come up for consideration at the plenary session later today, also asked for the convening, as a matter of urgency, of the European Assembly elected by the Parliaments of the participating nations.

It stressed it was the duty of European nations to create an economic and political union in order to assure security and social order.

The Committee approved the three-power note of March, 1946, on Spain calling for an interim government under which Spaniards may have a chance to determine their own type of government.

"A government of this character could re-establish democracy in Spain—the only way in which Spain can participate in the unity of Europe," said the Committee.

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Identity Cards

Canton, May 9.
The Chinese press describes as "premature" reports that the Government in Canton will be required to take out identification cards before June 1st.

These reports also stated that Chinese proceeding to Canton from Hong Kong will be asked to produce identification cards before being permitted to land.—Reuters.

Piracy Loot Partly Recovered

Part of the HK\$2,000,000 loot—clothing, jewellery, wrist-watches, and Hong Kong and Singapore currency—stolen during the 15-hour piracy of the "Van Heutsz" on December 14-15, last, has been recovered by the Police.

The police yesterday made a public request to victims of the piracy who might now be in Hong Kong to call at the office of the Criminal Investigation Department at the Water Police Station or to communicate by letter with the Director of Criminal Investigation, Police Headquarters, Oriental Building.

A Government spokesman added yesterday that the police are also anxious to contact persons who had dealings or communications, directly or indirectly, with go-betweens representing the kidnappers in the matter of ransom negotiations.

Of the six hostages taken off the "Van Heutsz" three have been released. The fate of the remaining three is still unknown.

Part of the loot was recovered in Hong Kong following the arrest of seven men alleged to have been involved in the piracy.

Carried
Hong Kong
Stowaways

Singapore, May 10.
Convicted of bringing 21 stowaways from Hong Kong to Singapore, Captain J. Elliott, Norwegian master of the ship "Pang", was fined \$6,300 (Straits) or three months' rigorous imprisonment in default in a police court here.

The captain, whose vessel arrived here on April 30, said he was the only European officer on board and that he was unaware of the presence of the stowaways.—Associated Press.

Decisive Battle
For Mukden Looms

Nanking, May 10.
Five powerful Communist columns are converging on Mukden in what the Government's military spokesman called "prelude to a decisive battle for the city."

Red Commander Lin Piao suddenly marched his Sixth and Seventh Columns southward from Ilung, 35 miles south of Changchun, while units of two other Communist columns—identified as the Ninth and 11th—began to concentrate from points on the Peiping-Mukden railroad for a move southward.

Pro-Government reports said the Nationalist Air Force commenced the heaviest Manchurian operations in weeks, bombing and strafing Communist supply lines both north and south.

Some observers estimated the total Communist strength concentrated against Mukden at nearly 500,000 men, probably three times the number of troops remaining within Mukden's defense area.

There still was no positive information whether the Reds finally were opening direct assault on Mukden, or whether the new troop movement was made for the purpose of hiding a drive against more vulnerable Government positions further south.

Foreign Missionaries
Along the Soviet-Manchurian border, Communist General Chen Kang

Fourth and Ninth Columns reached an area only 30 miles north of Laohokow, Han River town in which a number of foreign missionaries are still concentrated.

An official military news agency dispatch from Hankow said Government forces based at Laohokow, marched northward in an effort to engage Chen Kang's troops along the provincial border.

A group of Nationalist generals retreated to Mukden with fresh instructions from Chiang Kai-shek on conduct of warfare in Manchuria. These officers spent a day in Peiping en route northward for a conference with the Government's commander, General Fu Tiao-yi, of the Government's efforts to save Manchuria and North China from the Reds.

The military command at Mukden has ordered its Air Transport Bureau to boost flights between Mukden and Chinchow to 50 daily in order that more of the 20,000 tons of foodstuffs now stored at Chinchow be dropped into Mukden, the Hsin Min Pao reported today.

The dispatch said the food would meet the estimated needs of Mukden's population during the next three months.

Truman
Seizes
Railroads

Washington, May 10.
President Truman will "take over" railroads in the United States at noon today.

The White House announced that the President will issue a U.S. government seizure order at that hour. Three railroad operating unions—engineers, firemen and switchmen—have called a nationwide strike for tomorrow.

The announcement said: "The Government's hope and expectation is that the men will not strike against the Government."

The decision to seize the rail lines was reached after almost continuous conferences since last Friday failed to break the deadlock between the union and the Government.

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LEGISLATIVE
IMPASSE

Nanking, May 10.
China's new Constitutional Legislative Yuan started its four months of regular sessions today without indication of a settlement of the inter-party battle started by the election of its members last December.

Yuan members, from both the Yangtze and Democratic Socialist parties, abstained from participation in the legislative session in protest against their failure to obtain the number of seats promised them in a pre-election agreement with the Kuomintang.

Leaders of both minority parties left for Shanghai, where party meetings will be held tomorrow to determine whether both will withdraw from the coalition Government.

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Rebuilding Of Japan Assailed

Manila, May 10.
The morning newspaper, Manila Times, which has the largest circulation among Philippine dailies, today strongly assailed advocates of rebuilding of Japan as a barrier to Communism.

In an editorial entitled "Sir Thomas and Tomadachi," the Times said: "Prejudice, ignorance or deliberate refusal to know has never been so fully demonstrated as in the statement published in Adelaide (by Sir Thomas Blamey, wartime Australian commander-in-chief)."

"Sir Thomas insists that Japan must be built up as a barrier against the spread of Communism but not as a world power. He insists Japan could never in 50 years become the military power she was in 1941. But if it is true Japan cannot become a military power, then what is the point of rebuilding the spread of militant Communism, if that Communism should seek to impose its doctrines by military force?"

"Sir Thomas' statement is typical of the noticeable recent movement to glorify the good old cherry blossom, the cherry, the laudable industry of Suzuki-san, who will work from dawn to sundown in his own factories—or on the land and in the factories of other people if he can grab them."

"This movement has even enlisted the cooperation of great news agencies."—United Press.

Yugoslav
Claims
Rejected

London, May 10.
Britain has declared her final opposition to Yugoslav claims to Austrian territory and to reparations, it was authoritative learned here today.

In a letter to the Secretary-General of the Foreign Ministers' conference, the British deputy, Mr. James Marjoribanks, also made it clear that Britain was not prepared to bargain on the subject with the Soviet Union, which considers the Yugoslav claims legitimate.

A complete deadlock on the subject was reached at the last deputies' meeting—the 110th—last Thursday.

The letter places Britain squarely on the side of the United States, whose deputy, Mr. Samuel Heber, stated on Thursday that as the next chairman, he would not call a further meeting of the deputies unless fresh proposals were submitted, accepting the principles that the Australian frontiers remained those of 1938 and that she did not pay reparations.

Observers believed that the chances of resumed talks on Austria would depend entirely on Russian readiness to make concessions on the Yugoslav claims.—Reuters.

Gets The Huff--Takes His
Million To USA

Birmingham, May 10.
An Indian industrialist, who came to the heavy industry section of the British Industries Fair here, and was prepared to buy £1,000,000 worth of machinery, left today to catch the first plane to America to spend the money there.

The industrialist, Mr. K. N. Modi, Director and General Manager of the Modi Industries in the United Provinces, which control 14 associated firms producing chemicals, electrical goods, textiles, paints, sugar and flour, said that Britain will lose all her Indian trade for capital goods because she is unable to give any kind of delivery date and not willing to quote fixed prices.

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Police Vigil

Some 40 armed police are still keeping a vigilant watch in the area of the pirates' mountain hide-out at Lau Fau Shan in the New Territories, the "China Mail" learned yesterday.

From high vantage points, watch is being kept by means of binoculars for movements on Lau Fau Shan, and regular patrols near the base of the hill are being carried out.

China Bank
Building In
Hong Kong

Canton, May 9.
The Bank of China will spend HK\$30,000,000 for the construction of its new premises in Hong Kong, according to the Tai Kwong Po, quoting a Shanghai report.

The report added that the building, on the site next to the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank, will be of the latest design and will surpass its neighbour in height and magnificence.—Reuters.

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PICTURE OF THE DAY

Mounties At Mosley



Mounted police clearing a section of a crowd which created a disturbance at a meeting held by Sir Oswald Mosley in the East End. As a result of the tension, the Home Secretary has banned all political assemblies in London for an indefinite period. (A.P. Photo)

EGYPTIANS APPROPRIATE

"FIRST INSTALMENT" FOR PALESTINE ATTACK

Cairo, May 9.
Official sources today said the Cabinet had postponed all regular discharges from the Army and appropriated £4,000,000 to finance fighting in Palestine.

The sources said the postponement of Army discharges was effective "until the situation has been restored to normal."

The National Defence Minister, Mohamed Haidar Pasha, said it was "only the first instalment". He said Premier Mahmoud Fahmy Nokrashi Pasha had agreed to arrange for other preparations for future war in Palestine.

The appropriation will be used officially "to face expenditure necessitated by the stationing of Egyptian forces on the Palestine border."

Emergency Mayor
At Lake Success United Nations circles reported that a British bank manager will likely become the U.N.C. "emergency mayor" for Jerusalem.

He is A.P.S. Clark, manager of the Jerusalem branch of Barclays Bank and a resident of Palestine for over 30 years.

The Arabs and Jews were reported to have agreed on Clark as the most satisfactory of several men being considered secretly here and in Jerusalem for the job of trying to run Jerusalem after Britain ends its mandate next Saturday.

Andrew W. Cordier, executive assistant to Secretary-General Trygve Lie, said final announcement of the man picked for the job would be made in Jerusalem by Gen. Sir Alan Cunningham, British High Commissioner for Palestine.

Jewish sources said 500 Itanah Commandos opened an attack at sunset yesterday on Arab strongholds in another attempt to open the vital Jerusalem-Tel Aviv highway.

The Jewish militia soldiers, the sources said, assaulted Arab held heights overlooking Bab el Wad and launched an attack on the Arab village of Beit Masher, 10 miles west of Jerusalem and one of the Arab's most important bases in the Judean Hills area.

Beit Masher is two miles south of the highway and is the chief base for Arabs who have choked off the road with gun posts, mines, craters and roadblocks.

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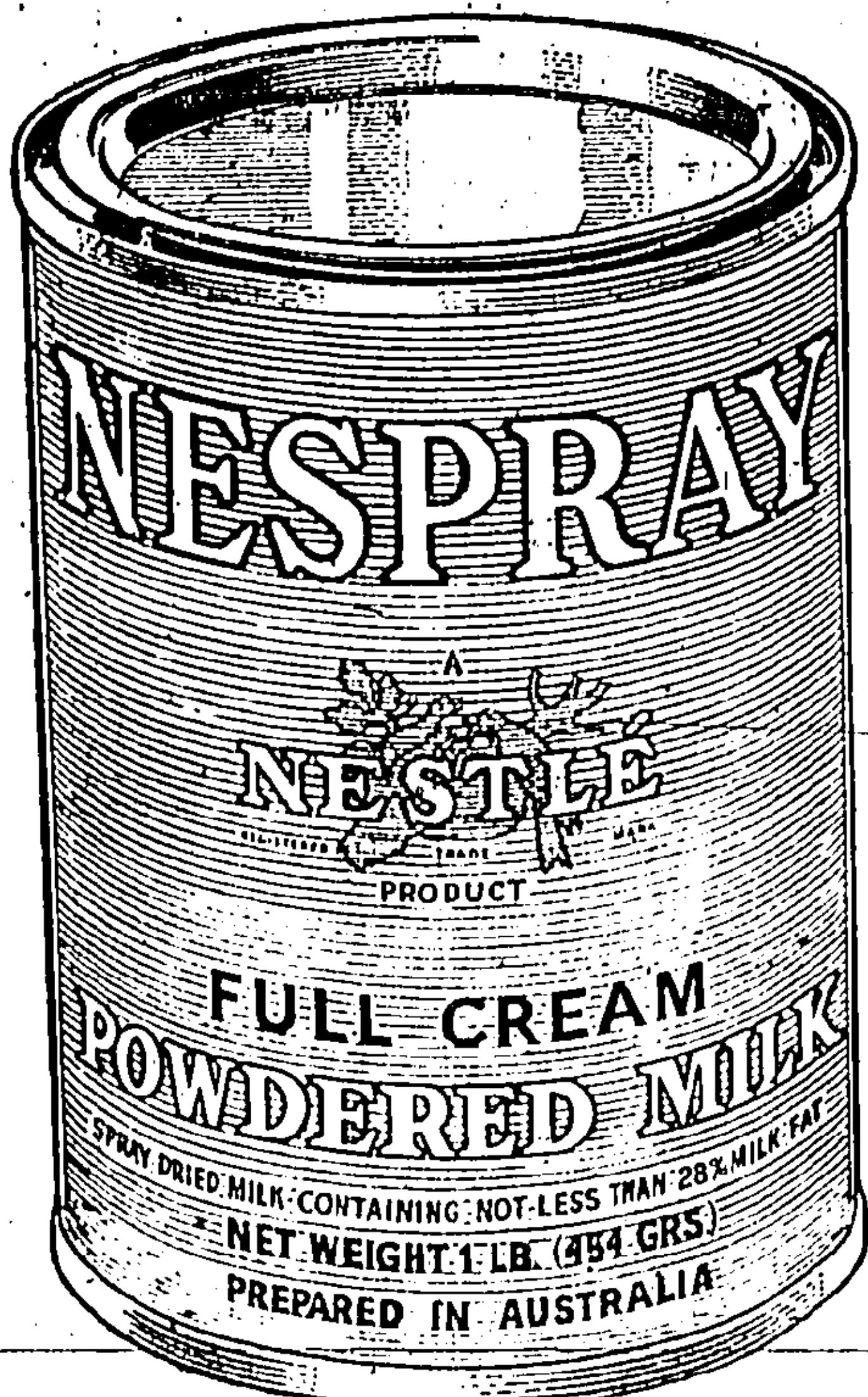
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Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10 each day including tax are obtainable through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all calls etc.

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The Treasurer's Comptroller Office will close at 9.30 a.m. each day. The Secretary's Office will close at 11.45 a.m. the first day and at 10 a.m. on the second day. Both Offices at 1st Floor, Exchange Building.

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The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$3 each day including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

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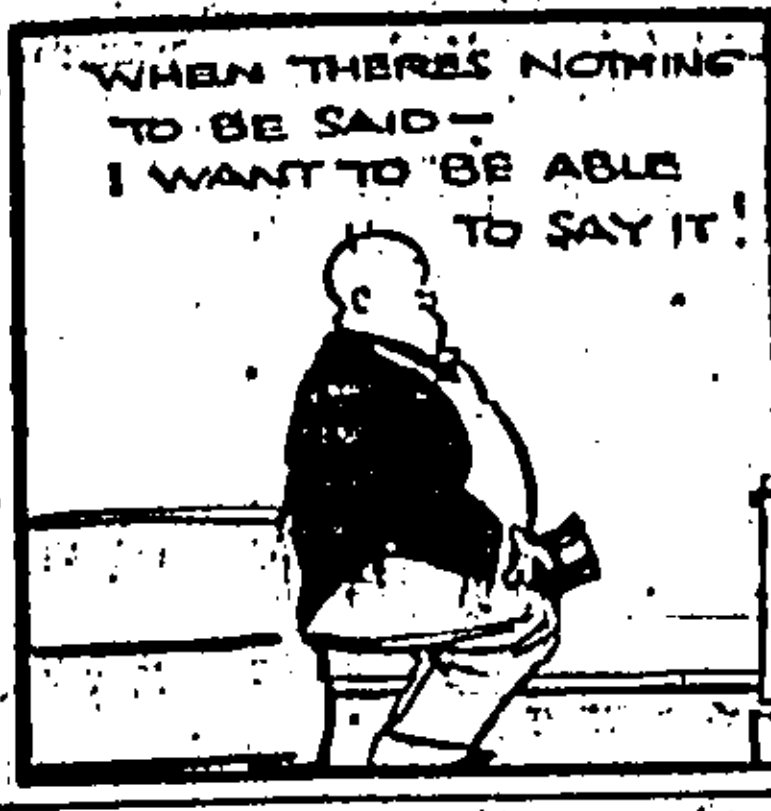
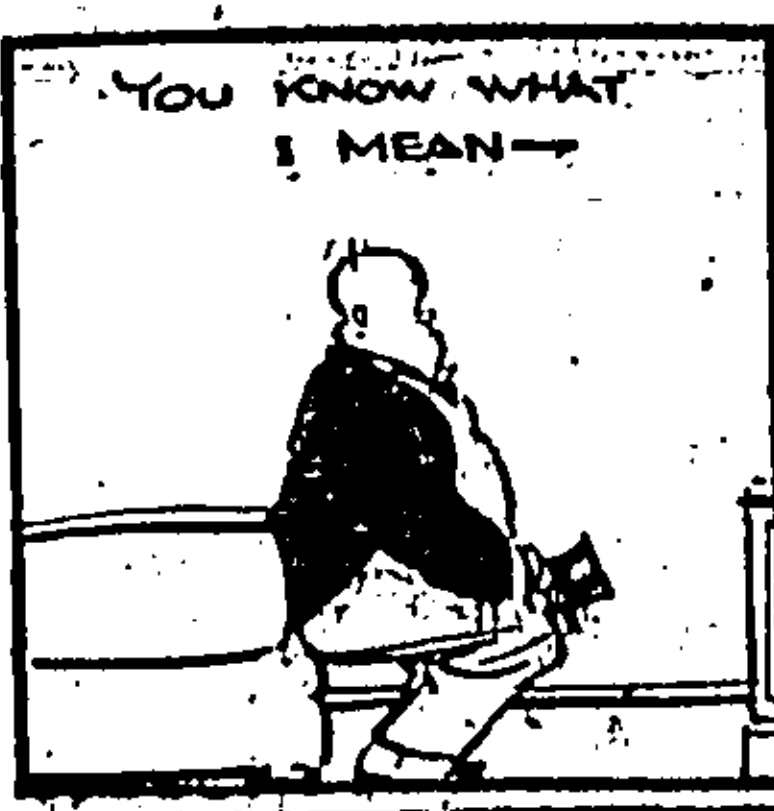
Refreshments will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

SERVANTS' PASSES.

Servants' passes will be issued to Private Box holders ONLY who are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse their names on the passes. Holders of such passes are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties but must remain in their employers' stands.

BY ORDER,
S. A. Sloan,
Actg. Secretary.

FOR



TWO STAND TRIAL AS SEQUEL TO EXPLOSION

An explosion which took place at the Lun Sing Garage, 188 Taipo Road, Shamshui, on Mar. 5, 1948, had a sequel at the Criminal Sessions yesterday, when Ngai Wan-sang and Chung Kwai stood trial before Mr. Justice E. H. Williams (Chief Justice) and a jury of five women and two men, on charges of causing an explosion likely to endanger property, conspiracy to cause an explosion likely to endanger life and possession of an explosive substance.

On conclusion of the case for the Crown, Mr. Justice Williams ruled that the second accused had no case to answer on the charge of possession of an explosive substance.

Mr. A. Lonsdale, assisted by Det. Insp. C. Downman, conducted the case for the prosecution. The accused were not legally represented.

In the course of his opening, Mr. Lonsdale said that the case occurred with an explosion which occurred at about 10.30 p.m. on Mar. 5, at the Lun Sing Garage near the junction of Taipo and Castle Peak Roads. Housed in the garage, in the open, were a number of lorries which piled between the Chinese and Chinese territory. The explosion was heard a considerable distance away and there was evidence that it was of some violence. As a result of the explosion, two holes were blown in the ground and the nearest lorry received a severe shaking. Close behind was a shed in which a man was preparing his meal, but fortunately he was only slightly injured. It was also unfortunate that the remainder of the persons normally employed at the garage were some distance away at the time of the explosion.

Four Calls

Continuing, Mr. Lonsdale said that on the day following the explosion, four telephone calls were received at the garage. In each instance, the voice asked for the master and the folk who took the calls informed the caller that the master was out. However, the master was present to answer the fourth call. The voice which spoke to him at the other end of the phone asked for \$20,000 without specifying any particular reason.

The master, Pang Tung-hoi, was at that time acting under police instructions and stalled the caller by asking for a reduction of the sum which he had been called upon to pay. A little later the same day, a further call was received and the master recognized the voice as being the same one which had called before. The voice this time asked for 60 to 70 per cent of the \$20,000 and coupled the request with a reference to the explosion which had occurred the night before. The voice further added that if only a small amount was forthcoming, the garage would be pulled down.

Pang again stalled and the voice later rang up once more and this time asked for 50 to 60 per cent of the original sum. Before ending his call, the voice said he would telephone again the next day, when he expected an answer.

The next day, the call was again made and arrangements were made between the voice and the master for a meeting to take place at Customs Pass Road near Kai Tak Aerodrome. Arrangements were also made whereby identification could be made. The police were aware of this and next day, when one of the garage folk went along to the arranged place, he was accompanied in disguise by a detective in plain clothes. Owing to a misunderstanding as to which side should wear the identification, no approach was made by the two accused to the folk. One of the detectives present would say that he overheard a conversation between the accused, in the course of which one of them voiced his suspicions regarding the presence of policemen.

The same night, a telephone call was made to the garage and the misunderstanding of the clothing was cleared up. Another meeting was arranged for the following day. On police instructions, Pang detained the voice in

conversation while they went to the place from where the call was being made and arrested the first accused.

Parol Of Explosives

Following his arrest, first accused took the police to find second accused. When the police met the second accused, first accused who was with them said: "He took part in going too." Second accused made no reply. When the police told him that they were going to arrest him, second accused said that he went to the Lun Sing Garage two nights before, but did not cause the explosion. He also pointed to first accused and said: "He knows all about it." Evidence would be given that a man, not named, handed a witness a parcel with instructions relative to its use and indicating that the contents of the package were explosives. Statements were made by both accused to the police.

Pang So, carpenter, who was called by the Crown, said that he was slightly injured as a result of the explosion. He later saw a hole in the ground outside his hut.

Pang Tung-hoi, master of the Lun Sing Garage, gave evidence in support of the Crown's opening and said that he recognized the voice over the telephone as that of the first accused.

After further testimony by other prosecution witnesses, the case for the Crown closed.

Mr. Justice Williams held that second accused had no case to answer on the charge of possession of an explosive substance.

Both accused elected to make statements from the dock. First accused said that he had nothing to say, as the explosion, and nothing to do with him. He promised a sum of money to deliver the same to Wong Tin-fook, who was to carry out the explosion.

Second accused claimed that he knew nothing about the matter. First accused offered to take him out for a walk on Mar. 7. He maintained that he was innocent.

Wong Wah, building contractor, said that second accused had previously worked for him and was regular in coming to work. Questioned by Mr. Lonsdale regarding second accused's activities after his leaving work at 6 p.m.

Hearing was then adjourned until 10 a.m. today, when Mr. Justice Williams will commence his summing up to the jury.

Personalia

Arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel during the week-end included Major H. Sharp, Messrs. A. Dahrrouge, M. Dahrrouge, C. Michael, W. Mackertich, T.T. Wu, S.A. Grant, W. Pollock, A.J. May and Mrs. P.S. Lokanathan. Mr. and Mrs. W. Loh, Mrs. 2. McLaughlin, Mrs. K.M. Gardner, Mr. P.P. Willets, Mrs. M.A. Danks, Mr. and Mrs. A.C. Ford, Mr. and Mrs. Fisher Yu, M.J. Buckley, C.W. Tarbell, and A.E. Hughes.

Among the departures from the Peninsula Hotel during the week-end were Messrs. R.D.K. Silby, W.R. Morris, E.E. Proctor, H. Cooper, W. Keown, and Mr. and Mrs. K. F. Noble.

The following forthcoming weddings have been announced: Mr. Patrick Herbert Hegarty of No. 29 Mody Road, Kowloon, to Miss Vivienne Rosemary Rowe, of the same address.

Mr. Henry James Ollerdesen, Accountant of Cathay Hotel, and Miss Gloria Clunie Roberts, of 99 Robinson Road.

Mr. John Holmes of H.M.S. "Tarn" and Miss Jean Molin, Bank Clerk, on route to Hong Kong per s.s. "Changho".

The wedding of Captain John Richard Jones, of the Royal Air Force, and Miss Hman took place at Registry, Supreme Court, yesterday. Captain S.T.E. Haslett, and Mr. J.H. Klerly acted as witnesses.

Mr. R. L. Frost, Traffic Manager of Cathay Pacific Airways, returned to Hong Kong on Sunday with his bride from their honeymoon in Bangkok. Other passengers in the same CPA plane from Siam were Messrs. M. S. Galvin, M. Mackertich, L. Michael, and E. Ho Fook-yuen.

Capt. Bone, and Messrs. O. D. Wedell, Lim Chung-chun, and N. Southgate left Hong Kong for Bangkok yesterday by CPA.

Passengers who arrived in the Colony from Singapore by CPA on Sunday included Messrs. J.C. Wybre, C. Chusker, Oey Tong-he and Tan Teck-joo.

Latest arrivals by BOAC "Speedbird" flying from Southampton are Miss D. M. Baker, Mr. I. A. Purslow, Mr. R. G. Wyatt, Mrs. E. M. Sande and Mr. H. Tong. On board the same aircraft were Mr. G. Sing and Mrs. Ying, Mr. McIntyre and Mr. Ott (from Calcutta); Dr. Bergin (from Karachi); and Mr. M. S. Kumar (from Bangkok).

Arrivals by BOAC from Iwakuni are W/Cmdr. R. G. R. Buckley, S/Ldr. W. G. Prosser, G/Capt. G. A. L. Mantion, S/Ldr. N. D. Sheehy, Capt. S. A. Grant, N. D. Sheehy, Mr. T. A. West, Mr. R. B. Lawes, Mrs. P. Willets and Mrs. M. Rude.

Readers' Letters

Occupation Land Deals

Sir, The proposed Ordinance on occupation land deals is in fact the codification of the recommendations by the Hong Kong Land Society in principle. It gives those who amass fortunes under the Kempeitai protection all facilities and privileges against those who for obvious reasons could not make living investments in real estate.

In your journal letters protesting to such legislation were numerous. Their contention is that under the enemy system of monopoly and syndicate only those who collaborated closely with the enemy could make enough money to buy houses. Only those who took for granted that the enemy would be in Hong Kong forever would be willing to invest their fortunes in the hands of the enemy.

Apparently these protests have been altogether disregarded. We are sorry that we did not collect these letters with the enemy as much as to invite the grace of the victor.

As a last appeal the Government and the attorney-general are reminded of the serious effects of such legislation upon the loyalty of the subjects if another year comes.

The Ordinance should be so amended as to let us return and buy before those who did and suffered for the allied cause.

Let us ask the Legislative Council to add one provision to the Ordinance, namely, that the Government should make provision for the return of the allied cause.

Busy At Present

Sir, In reply to the letter of STUPID SUSIE, the naturalist or whatever the writer is, I can only say, for the time being, that the challenge is taken up. However, as I am having a test tomorrow, I am not in a position to express myself. I have, therefore, to conclude that "Stupid" Susie will not be disappointed.

A STUDENT.

The Howling Green of the Hong Kong Football Club, Happy Valley, will be officially opened at 5.15 p.m. tomorrow with a Wapping match.

A performance of Chinese folk dances will be presented by children of the Workers' Children Schools of Hong Kong at 8 p.m. at the Victoria Theatre.

The programme includes 10 different native dances and three vocal items.

NINETY TONS OF FOOD PARCELS SHIPPED TO BRITAIN IN SIX MONTHS

Since it was founded six months ago the Ladies' Committee of the Food parcels to Britain Fund has shipped 90 tons of food, valued at \$250,000, to the United Kingdom.

Now, because of hot weather and departures of some members on leave, the committee announces it will suspend its activities till autumn.

More than 1,000 letters of appreciation from people in Britain have kept the members cheerfully packing 14,000 parcels, despite heavy work. Three members of the executive committee have worked eight hours a day for the last six months so that the parcels could be sent on.

"People in the United Kingdom are pathetically grateful for the gift food," said one member. "Often they enclose pictures of their families or postcards of their towns."

"The common sentence in these letters is: 'What we like most is the thought behind these parcels. It is nice to know that in these difficult times we have friends overseas.'"

"Because of these letters," the member added, "we feel we must not fail these people and must carry on as long as possible."

Donations Still Welcome

Donations are still welcome and the campaign will be renewed in autumn in time for the Christmas gift food parcels.

Of the money collected only \$40,000 was spent on purchasing food. The rest was donated. There is a balance of \$10,000 to carry over to the Christmas campaign.

"Almost every firm that deals in foodstuffs donated some to the Fund, the biggest donations being six tons of food from a firm which prefers to remain anonymous. 5,000 lbs. of crystallized ginger donated by the Ginger Distributor, and 5,000 lbs. of tinned lalches donated by the Amoy Canning Co., the committee stated.

"The money donated was used with the greatest care; the goods were purchased directly from importers at cost price, at times even below the cost; the importers, agreeing to the Committee's offer invariably remarked: 'Well—our loss is our donation to the Fund.'"

"The Committee also has found it profitable to purchase large quantities of one kind of goods and to exchange the surplus in

small quantities for other required foodstuffs—this procedure greatly reduced the price of goods.

"There were no incidental expenses—the labour was entirely voluntary, practically all of the packing material was begged for and the transportation of the food gift to United Kingdom was undertaken by H.M. Navy. Through the courtesy of the Hong Kong Kowloon Wharf Godown Ltd., the storing and loading was also free of charge for the Committee."

Reminders

Today

Urban Council meeting, G.P.O. Bldg., 4.15 p.m.
H.K. Magic Circle meeting, Cosmic Club.
Women's Guild, Kowloon Union Church, meeting at 10 a.m.
Bridge Drive, European YMCA, 8 p.m.

Forewell Bowls Game for T. G. Main, at Craighower Cricket Club, 5 p.m.
Rotary Club Luncheon, talk on "An Experiment in Planned Economy," by G. A. C. Herklotz, Roof Garden, H.K. Hotel, 12.30 p.m.

Coming Events

TOMORROW
H.K. Engineering & Construction Co., Ltd., annual meeting, 2nd floor, St. George's Bldg., 12 noon.

Talk on "Berlin Re-Visited" by Capt. A.J.E. Luff, at Tse H. Club, Talbot House, 50, Macdonnell Rd., 8.30 p.m.
Church Council meeting, Christ Church Vicarage, 8.30 p.m.
Kowloon Union Church Management Committee meeting, in Vestry, 6.30 p.m.

THURSDAY

Royal Air Forces Association Luncheon, Jacobson Room, H.K. Hotel, 12.45 p.m.
Y's Men's Club Luncheon, Roof Garden, H.K. Hotel, 12.30 p.m.
Mahjong and Bridge Drive, European YMCA, 2.30 p.m.

FRIDAY

St. Andrew's Club, annual meeting, at St. Andrew's Church Hall, 6.30 p.m.
Kowloon Rotary Club luncheon, Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m.
Opening night of "The Spoiled Princess," presented by the Wah Yan Dramatic Society, at Wah Yan College, Robinson Rd., 8.30 p.m.

A Guard of Honour for Hong Kong's out-going General Officer Commanding, Major-General G. W.E.J. Esling, will parade on the Murray Parade ground at 10 a.m. on Saturday.

Major-General Esling is leaving on Sunday.

Hungarian Registration Decree

The Hungarian Government have issued a decree requiring registration by the person who owns or holds them, of all shares issued by limited companies having their head offices in Hungary. The decree does not apply, however, to the shares of the Hungarian National Bank or of nationalized banks which are the property of foreign subjects or of legal persons having their seat abroad, nor to shares registered and deposited in connection with the nationalization of the bauxite and aluminium industry.

The final date for registration is 30th June 1948, and persons and companies outside Hungary may register at the nearest Hungarian Mission or consulate. Unregistered shares will become null and void.

The Band of the Buffs (Royal East Kent Regiment) will beat a Retreat on Empire Day, May 24, at 6 p.m. on the Hong Kong Cricket Club ground.

Visitors are requested to be seated five minutes before the start.

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MAGISTRATE RULES THAT POLICE DEFENDANTS HAVE A CASE TO ANSWER

The defendants had a case to answer, Mr. F. X. d'Almada ruled after hearing the defence submissions and the prosecution's case against Sub-Inspector N. A. Clarke, Det.-P.C. Lau Hoi-nam and P.C. Chan Po-wah, at Central Magistrate's Court yesterday, for the unlawful detention and assault against Kwan Shing, a rice shop foki.

The Magistrate held that Clarke had a case to answer in that it was his duty to explain to the Court his actions on that particular night, and that the case against the two Chinese constables depended entirely upon the first defendant.

At the resumption of yesterday's hearing, Mr. F. W. Shaftain, OBE, Senior Police Superintendent and Officer-in-Charge of the Anti-Corruption Branch, put in several police officials to give evidence.

Sub-Inspector E. S. Thompson told the Court that he was the Inspector on duty on Feb. 6 and at 11.30 p.m. Sub-Inspector Clarke brought in six beggars and Kwan Shing, who he wanted to be detained pending further inquiries. Kwan, Mr. Clarke told him, was arrested in Cleverly Street for acting in a suspicious manner when he was seen taken down the numbers of the police.

"Fit And Proper"

He was seen smoking around while the police were taking down the license numbers of the stall holders who had objected against the law, witness was informed.

When asked Kwan had nothing

to say, and St. Thompson said he thought it was "fit and proper" to detain the man.

Within 15 minutes after the man was brought in, witness continued, Det.-Sub-Inspector C. Johnston rang up and inquired whether a man had been brought in by St. Clarke. DSI Johnston did not give any reason for the inquiry.

From the Station Dairy, witness noted that on Feb. 7 at 10.10 a.m. a man from Cell 7 had been released and handed over to Inspector Dackin.

Cross-examined by Mr. Comber, St. Thompson said he did not hear any shouts or screams from anywhere. From his experience in the Central Charge Room, St. Thompson said, he could hear cries from the Finger Print Room should any trouble arise from there. He saw Kwan being taken into that room, and would estimate that he had been inside it for about 10 minutes, but he could not say definitely.

Sub-Inspector Lau Chak-chang said he was assistant inspector on duty that night and at about 12 a.m. Clarke approached him and told him that he wanted to see a man in Cell 6. He went with the European acting as interpreter. There, witness related, St. Clarke told the man that he (Clarke) had made a mistake and apologized to the man.

Clarke told the man that DSI Johnston would release him soon. The man asked for an extra blanket, which Clarke gave him, and nodded assent when asked by Clarke whether he (Kwan) was satisfied. Witness said he did not know why Clarke apologized to the Chinese.

Sub-Inspector C. Johnston of the Anti-Corruption Department said that at 11 p.m. on Feb. 6 he received a telephone call and as a result he contacted Central Charge Room.

At 1.15 a.m. Clarke visited him in his quarters and told him that he (Clarke) was ordered by the inspector on duty at the Charge Room that he had queried about Kwan Shing. Clarke then explained the reason for arresting the man, and produced a visiting card which had No. 818 written on it and a note book with the name Lee Lap.

Special Precaution
Inspector F. W. Simpson, Divisional Inspector of Central Division, said he took special precaution during the Chinese New Year festivals and assigned motor patrols to cover certain areas, with instructions not to trespass on other regions unless for serious crime or under special orders.

Cleverly Street was not in the allotted area, witness disclosed. The special assignment was issued by him, witness told defence counsel, and every inspector after nothing it would have to sign their names below. Clarke's signature was not found on the order, and it was possible that he did not see it, witness said.

Normally the Radio patrol car covered Central District. The personnel were not supposed to deal with hawkers or food stall holders nor to pick up beggars, witness said under cross-examination. No order was issued regarding hawkers or beggars, that night, witness, however, agreed that it would be the duty of the police to arrest suspicious characters, but that would be "purely discretionary."

Inspector W. N. Darkin said on instructions from Mr. F. W. Shaftain, OBE, Senior Supt. of Police and Officer-in-Charge of the Anti-Corruption Branch he went to release Kwan and took him to the A.C. Office. He had never seen the man before, witness concluded.

Mr. A.S.C. Comber, representing Clarke, submitted that his client had no case to answer and that the prosecution had failed to make out a case on the charge of false imprisonment.

Recounting the case briefly, Mr. Comber observed that Insp. Simpson had informed the Court that it was the first instance that written instructions were issued with regard to the radio patrol car at that time of the year.

Insp. Simpson said that it was customary that every inspector should read the orders and sign to acknowledge noting them. Clarke did not sign and it was apparent that he did not notice the instructions. The prosecution thus failed to prove that the orders ever came to the notice of Clarke.

Counsel submitted that the complainant's action that night was "highly suspicious." When challenged, Kwan turned and walked away, whereupon he was arrested and brought to Clarke. Kwan only said that he took down the numbers of the constables on instructions of a "man with glasses."

Bribe Attempts

It has been a habit of Chinese stall holders here to attempt to bribe the police personnel in various ways especially at the approach of the Chinese New Year festivals. Mr. Comber pointed out. He submitted therefore it was highly suspicious to see a man writing down the numbers of the constables.

Counsel then referred to some sections of the Police Force Ordinance on the privilege of the police to arrest any person on suspicion and to deliver him to the Station.

Counsel submitted that the present arrest came within Section 20, whereby it was lawful for any police officer to stop and search, and if necessary arrest any person in the street and detain him for further inquiries on suspicion. Another factor which heightened the suspicion was a card issued by the Chinese Police which permitted the bearer to carry arms.

Counsel noted that Lee Lap of the Anti-Corruption Branch had said that Kwan acted under his instructions. Lee was there when Kwan was arrested and under the circumstances one would have thought that the proper course for him would have been to approach the first defendant and identify himself and therefore explain the circumstances.

Kwan had told the Court a "most extraordinary" story of third degree and physical tortures of the most extreme kind while in the Finger Print Room. Counsel declared. Yet he did not come himself to the I.O.D. when brought before the inspector.

The medical report produced by the prosecution stated that Kwan had a recent bruising in the front chest and that there was a further patch below the right shoulder. Kwan could have pointed out the spots where he had suffered from the defendant, and it was not known whether that was done. Mr. Comber stated that Kwan's tale of tortures was a tissue of lies from beginning to end.

Inspector Thompson, the I.O.D. at that time, did not hear any noise from the Finger Print Room, witness said. Counsel submitted whether it was reasonable to suppose a man who had been brought on his hands and feet by a pencil twice between them and scorching by a cigarette would not cry out in pain.

The interpreter called in to give evidence did not complain after the inspector on duty that Kwan was assaulted as alleged. It was significant, counsel thought, that the interpreter well knowing his duty would report immediately had any assault taken place.

Counsel submitted that the arrest made by his client was lawful under Section 20 of the Police Force Ord., 1932, that the detention for further investigation was proper under the same section, that complainant's version of the facts was not a true account, and that the Inspector on duty had consented that detention was "fit and proper."

"No Evidence"
Counsel requested the Magistrate to say on behalf of the defendant that the prosecution had failed to make out a case for him to answer.

Mr. J. M. d'Almada Remedios, representing second defendant, associated himself with Mr. Comber's submissions, declaring that there was "not a tittle of evidence" that his client had in any way falsely imprisoned Kwan in this case.

From the evidence adduced by the prosecution, his client was under the command of the first defendant and as such performed his duties.

Mr. Remedios reviewed the case briefly observing that there was

no medical evidence to indicate any marks to support the alleged assault. Complainant's evidence could not be believed he contended. Kwan had a purpose because he had a grudge against some police personnel who had previously scattered and broken up his stall. There was not one iota of evidence to show that his client had falsely imprisoned the complainant, counsel submitted, and emphasised that his client had no case to answer.

Contending that his man had acted on instructions from Clarke, Mr. Alfred Hon, third defendant's counsel, submitted that in himself did not constitute false imprisonment. Unless his client knew that what he did was wrong and that what his superior officer instructed to do was wrong and he obeyed, then the third defendant would be guilty. There was no evidence that his client knew the instructions given were unlawful, counsel pointed out. He observed that the evidence of the mistress of the rice shop, was very much in favour of his client. She had informed the Court that the third defendant did not at any time lay his hands on Kwan.

Sub-Inspector Clarke, in the witness box for his defence, told the Court that he was in the Royal Navy for 14 years and joined the Police Force on June 26, 1946. On Feb. 6 he was on duty between 8 p.m. and 12 a.m. and did not know of any written instructions. The duties on that particular night were irregular.

There were six constables with him in the car, and the normal instructions for the patrol car were to give particular attention to serious crime, especially at that time of the year.

Regarding that particular evening, defendant said he passed through Cleverly Street to go down to Des Voeux Road Central. As he passed, he noticed a number of food stalls, and the car because of the obstruction, he got stuck and sat on the street taking down particulars of that stall with the intention of issuing summonses. The other constables were told to collect the licenses of the other stalls.

The stall-holders, Clarke stated, used to run helter-skelter at the approach of the I.O.D. but on this occasion the stalls switched off the light. It was about 10.30 p.m. but the lighting was "fair."

He heard no shout and only saw Kwan when he was brought before him and told that he had been seen smoking around taking down the numbers of the constables.

"Fidgetty"
When questioned Kwan said he was acting under orders from a Chinese "with glasses." No mention of the name "Lee Lap" or "Oriental Building" was heard, Clarke said. Kwan appeared fidgetty, revealing his business identity and occupation, Clarke said he interrogated him through an English-speaking constable.

Defendant stated that he first heard of the name "Lee Lap" after complainant had been locked up. That was when he was talking with the detectives, and learned that Lee was Mr. Shaftain's No. 1 informer.

Clarke said he had had warning before that a large amount of squeeze had been going on among the Chinese stall holders and hawkers at that time of the year.

When Kwan was brought to him under the circumstances he had only the following explanations:—
(a) That the man could be an informer of the Anti-Corruption Branch (but that "did not occur to me at that time.")

(b) That the man could be taking down the numbers to go round later collecting from various hawkers saying that he was collecting on behalf of the constables whose numbers he had.

or (c) that the man might have been employed by some unscrupulous constables to collect money.

So he decided to go deeper into the matter and had the man arrested, Clarke stated.

He took Kwan to the Central Charge Room to Sub-Inspector Thompson, who was the I.O.D. then. St. Thompson agreed that it was "fit and proper" to detain the man after hearing the story. When he took the complainant to the Finger Print Room, Clarke related, he asked out to the interpreter to follow.

It was completely untrue that

\$5,000 BASE FOR ESTATE DUTY PROPOSED

The exemption of all estates below \$5,000 from estate duty is proposed in an amendment to the Estate Duty Ordinance, to be introduced in Legislative Council to-morrow.

In the objects and reasons it is explained that by virtue of section of the Estate Duty Ordinance, 1932, (as amended) estate duty on the property passing on the death of persons dying on or after 1st April, 1941, is payable on estates of \$500 and upwards at the graduated rates mentioned in the Fourth Schedule to the Ordinance.

Although estates of under \$5,000 at present constitute over 40% of the estates paying duty, the revenue obtained therefrom is very small and is disproportionate to the work involved in collecting it. Modern policy in the United Kingdom and elsewhere is to exempt smaller estates from the payment of

estate duty. The object of the Bill is so to amend the principal Ordinance so as to exempt from payment of estate duty, property passing on death having a value of under \$5,000 in cases where death occurred on or after the 1st of April, 1948.

The new schedule is as follows:

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he questioned Kwan in Cantonese, defendant said. He had passed his First Certificate in Cantonese, but he could not speak the phrase "Tim kai nei chap foh numba" when read out by the Court Interpreter, at the suggestion of Mr. Comber. (In English, it means "Why did you copy the foki's number?")

Questioned Again

In the Finger Print Room, Clarke continued, he questioned Kwan again, but could not get the required answers.

Asked whether he assaulted the man, Clarke told the Court that he "merely shook him by the shoulder."

Defendant denied emphatically the alleged "torture" and "third degree."

He asserted that the man was never on the floor at any time. From the Finger Print Room, Kwan was taken to the I.O.D., who had him locked up.

Later Clarke said he was told by Sub-Inspector Thompson that Det. Sub-Inspector C. Johnston of the Anti-Corruption Branch had rung up inquiring whether a man had been arrested.

To see whether the man knew DSI Johnston and also to note his reaction, Clarke said that he visited Kwan in his cell, after receiving that message.

As DSI Johnston lived in the same block, he visited him at 1.15 a.m. and told DSI Johnston the story and explained the reason for arresting the man. He asked DSI Johnston whether Kwan was his man and asked what he (DSI Johnston) intended doing about the matter.

DSI Johnston was more interested in his bed, and said something which sounded like "O.K." defendant related.

"Never Trained"
Concluding his evidence, Clarke disclosed that he had "never been trained as a police officer." He would arrest any man if he behaved like Kwan under the same circumstances, defendant stated.

He Cross-examined by the prosecution, Clarke said he knew of a book concerning the particular duties of the inspectors. But he did not see it. He agreed that it was the duty of every inspector to look into that book, but during that particular night, all his duties were so irregular, when all duties were so irregular, he had spent the whole day in Kowloon.

Clarke admitted that he was neglecting his duty in failing to see the book and also that there was more reason to look into it when all duties were so irregular.

He was on duty on Feb. 5, but he did not go to Cleverly Street. He had passed his First Certificate in Cantonese. He did not agree with Mr. Shaftain that the phrase "Tim kai nei chap foh numba" was elementary Cantonese.

He denied the prosecution's allegation that the "only reason you took out summonses against the stall holders was because you knew you were in trouble in connection with that particular night."

Clarke declared that he thought the procedure of releasing his prisoner without informing him was improper and read out from the minute which he had sent to his Divisional Inspector, the explanation of his arrest of the man and the protest he made against the release of his prisoner.

Re-examined by Mr. Comber, Clarke said he sent in the minute because he thought he was justified in protesting against the release of his prisoner without being informed. He said when his inquiries had not been completed, hearing was then adjourned to today at 10 a.m.

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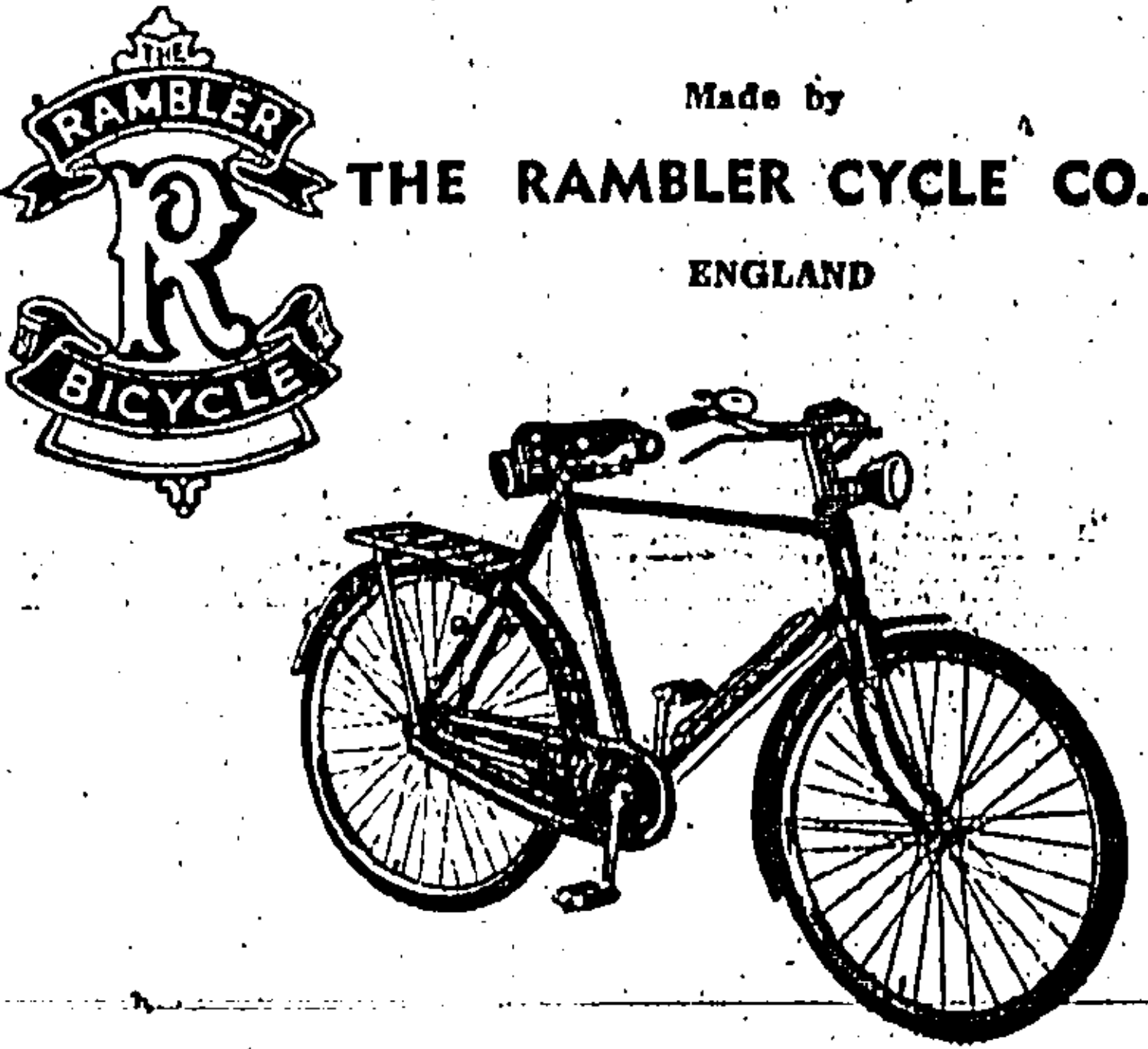
Washington, May 9. President Truman has denied rumours of Russian overtures to end the "cold war" or that Premier Josef Stalin wanted to meet him in some neutral European spot. Senator Millard Tydings revealed today.

Senator Tydings said in a radio speech that he asked the chief executive about the reports and "the President answered me categorically with no." Most of the rumours have been circulated in European capitals. They have become more persistent, even though the President has stated again and again that he is always ready to meet Stalin but that such a meeting must take place in Washington.—United Press.

U.S. EXPORT RISE

Washington, May 10. United States exports ended a four months down trend in March. March exports were worth US\$1,141,000,000, US\$54,500,000 more than February.

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the purpose of receiving the
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together with a Statement of
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ST. FRANCIS HOTEL CASE

Appeal Against Eviction Dismissed By Court

No Reasonably Arguable Defence

The appeal by the St. Francis Hotel (1933) Ltd., ap-
pellants, against an order made by the Chief
Justice in Chambers on Mar. 24, 1948, that
the Hong Kong Land Investment and Agency
Co., Ltd., respondents, be at liberty to sign final
judgment against appellants, was dismissed
with costs yesterday by the Full Court compris-
ing Mr. Justice T. J. Gould (Puisne Judge) and
Mr. Justice J. Reynolds (Appeal Judge).

Under the final judgment to be signed, possession of
No. 13 Queen's Road Central, now occupied by
the appellants, is to be given up to the respon-
dents, who intend to pull down the existing
building and to erect on the site a modern ten-
storied structure.

The appellants were repre-
sented by Mr. H. G. Sheldon,
K.C., and Mr. Charles Loseby,
instructed by Mr. C. A. S. Russ.
The Hon. Mr. Leo d'Almeida
e Castro, K.C., and Mr. D. A. L.
Wright, instructed by Mr. H.
Capstick of Messrs. Deacons,
appeared for the respondents.

The premises, subject of the
dispute, were exempted from the
provisions of the Landlord and
Tenant Ordinance, by H.E. the
Governor-in-Council on the re-
commendation of a Tenancy Tri-
bunal presided over by Mr. Him-
sing Lo.

Delivering the judgment of the
Court yesterday, Mr. Justice
Gould said in part:—
"Counsel for the appellants con-
tended that the order was wrong
in law in that the defendants had
shown an arguable defence on the
three points:—

(a) That the Tribunal had re-
fused to make an order for re-
covery of documents.
(b) That the Rules of Proce-
dure made under the Landlord &
Tenant Ordinance, 1947, were ap-
plicable to the proceedings before
the Tenancy Tribunal especially
appointed to hear the application
and that in spite of Rule 7 the
respondents neglected and
Tribunal refused to order the
respondents to set out in writing
the reasons in support of their
application.

(c) That after the Tribunal
had made its recommendation and
forwarded the same with the
reasons therefor to the Govern-
or-in-Council the Governor-in-Coun-
cil refused an application by the
appellants for a copy of such
reasons.

The Facts

"The brief facts in the case,
which are not in dispute, are that
the respondents are the owners
of a building at No. 13 Queen's
Road, Central, which the ap-
pellants occupy and utilise for
the purposes of a hotel business. The
appellants have been aware from
the commencement of their ten-
ancy that the respondents in-
tended to demolish the building
and replace it with a new build-
ing and provision was made in
the tenancy agreement giving the
respondents the right to deter-
mine the tenancy by three
months' notice for this purpose.
Although the tenancy agreement
was entered into during the cur-

rency of the Landlord & Tenant
Ordinance of 1945, and al-
though the appellants re-iterated
in writing their willingness to
abide by the provision referred
to above, they refused, after the
proper notice had been given, to
vacate the premises and claimed
the protection of the Landlord &
Tenant Ordinance, 1947 which
had by that time replaced the
Ordinance of 1945. The respondents
thereafter served notice under
Section 32 (3) of the Landlord
& Tenant Ordinance, 1947 of in-
tention to apply for a recom-
mendation by a Tenancy Tri-
bunal that the said premises be
exempted from the application
of the Ordinance. In the course
of subsequent correspondence be-
tween the parties, the solicitor
for the appellants wrote to the
solicitors for the respondents re-
questing them to let him have
the full particulars of the ground
upon which the application was
based. The reply, dated the 13th
September, 1947, contained the
following two paragraphs:—

Ample Time

We should have thought that
it was apparent from the cor-
respondence which has taken
place between the parties and
between ourselves and your
clients that our clients are
applying for exemption on the
grounds that they are proposing
to carry out a scheme for the
reconstruction of 11 and 13
Queen's Road, Central, the plans
for which were originally pre-
pared before the war which
fact was within the knowledge
of your clients pre-war and
has since the date of the lease
been brought to their notice
more than once.

The notice to quit was given
as long ago as the 27th June
last, and the reasons why our
clients required possession were
given therein. The application
for exemption was filed on the
28th July and it seems to us
that you have had ample time
to prepare your case and in-
struct Counsel.

"The hearing of the application
commenced on the 13th Septem-
ber, 1947 when Counsel for the
appellants made an application
for the grounds to be given in
writing and also asked for an
order for recovery. The former
application was refused and with
regard to the latter, the note of
the Tribunal reads:

There is no necessity for any
direction of general discovery of
documents at this stage before
respondent disclosed their de-
fence.

"Patent Defects"

Counsel for the respondents
then opened his case outlining the
history of negotiations and giving
the grounds upon which he re-
lied. At the end of his opening

which finished early on the
second day of hearing, he stated
that he was willing and prepared
to give a summary of the grounds
in support of the application but
counsel for the appellants stated
that such a summary would not
cure the patent defects of the
proceedings. It is difficult to see
why, even if there should have
been a patent defect, counsel
should have refused this offer if
he considered himself to be handi-
capped by ignorance of the
grounds for the application. The
Chairman of the Tribunal then
initiated, very properly, that it
would be the interest of the
general public rather than the
material interest of either party
which would be one of the guid-
ing principles of the Tribunal.
The hearing of the application
occupied seven days (for portions
thereof) spread over approximately
one month; evidence was called
by both respondents and ap-
pellants and counsel on both sides
made lengthy submissions on the
merits. The Tribunal decided to
make the recommendation asked
for and the Governor-in-Council
subsequently made an exemption
order. The present action was
brought for possession of the pre-
mises.

Discovery

"To deal now with the first of
the points of defence—power to
compel discovery of documents is
conferred upon Tribunals by sec-
tion 28 (2) of the Ordinance. It
is one of several powers therein
mentioned and the empowering
words are:—'Every Tribunal shall
have and may exercise any of
the powers... following:—'These
words are clearly discretionary
and the authorities supporting the
view that they should be so re-
garded—viz. Kent v. Cogswell
Ltd., [1910] 1 K.B. 904 at 910 and Attorney General
v. Emerson, 24 Q.B.D. 56—were
unchallenged by counsel for the
appellants. In the present case
there is no suggestion that any
document was withheld and the
refusal to make the order being
provisional only, counsel could
have renewed his application at
any stage if he felt himself ag-
grieved. He did not do so and
nothing has been advanced to
support an argument that the
discretion was wrongly exercised
in the circumstances.

The second submission is that
Rule 7 of the Rules of Procedure
was disregarded by the Tribunal
when it refused to order that the
reasons in support of the appli-
cation be delivered in writing.

The Rules of Procedure are made
under section 30 of the Ordinance
which empowers the making of
'general rules and orders.' The
submission of Counsel for the re-
spondents is that section 32 provides
a complete code for dealing with
the special type of application
contemplated thereby and that
the Rules of Procedure are in-
applicable thereto. The section
certainly deals with a very special
type of application—not one de-
signed to effectuate any of the
purposes of the Ordinance, but
one for exemption of particular
premises from its provisions.

Machinery is provided which
does not apply in the case of
any of the other types of
application. Whether or not it is
correct that none of the Rules is
applicable, the Court does not
feel it necessary to decide, but
it is that no Rule can apply which
is in conflict with the machinery
provided by section 32. Rules
6-8 under the sub-heading 'Pre-
paration of applications' are un-
doubtedly in this category for
under section 58 the proceed-
ings must be commenced by a
notice, not by an application, and
special provision is made for
hearing the persons served with
or affected by the notice. This is
quite inconsistent with the or-
dinary procedure. The form of

notice is prescribed but no ap-
plication form is provided though
there is one for every other type
of application. The latter refer
favorably to the 'Grounds for
Application' but the notice un-
der section 32 (3) does not.

"Natural Justice"

"The question next arises (and
in the view of the Court it would
have arisen whatever conclusion
it reached) whether in the cir-
cumstances the failure of the
respondents to produce formal
reasons in writing and the re-
fusal of the Tribunal to order
that the reasons be delivered in
writing resulted in a breach of nat-
ural justice. A number of nat-
ural justice were quoted on this
subject of the matter to which it
is not deemed necessary to re-
fer in detail, but from them it is
clear that the Courts will not
uphold the decision of a Tribunal
exercising quasi-judicial functions
if there has been a disregard of
proper procedure amounting to a
breach of natural justice. The
proceedings before the Tribunal
provide no reasonably arguable
defence on this point. That the
basis of the application was a
reconstruction scheme was well
known to the appellants, and it
was obvious that the public in-
terest would be an important
factor. No request was made for
a case stated under section 28 (5)
of the Ordinance and counsel re-
fused to accept a summary of the
grounds when it was offered at
an early stage of the proceedings.
A full and ample opportunity
was given to both sides to call
evidence and to make submis-
sions. The Court does not say
that it is not desirable that writ-
ten grounds should be supplied
in applications under section 32
but that in the present case no
shadow of injustice resulted.
The case of Li Hong Mi, At-
torney General for Hong Kong,
1920 A.C. 735 relied upon by
counsel for the appellant is not
essentially in point in view of
the decision of the Court that
failure to deliver written grounds
for the application did not
amount to a disregard of a statutory
requirement but insofar as it
touches upon the matter of nat-
ural justice, it is only necessary
to say that there is all the dif-
ference in the world between the
bringing of charges affecting the
liberty of a person in an unfair
form; and the neglect, cured by
subsequent proceedings, in a
matter of property to put in
proper form matters substantial-
ly within the knowledge of both
sides.

No Duty

"The last point raised is one
affected by similar principles.
The Governor-in-Council refused
to provide a copy of the reasons
given by the Tribunal for its
recommendation. The Govern-
or-in-Council was under no statu-
tory duty to do so. The recom-
mendation was within the
absolute discretion of the
Tribunal and no appeal lies from
the decision. By section 32 (1)
the making of the Exemption
Order, the recommendation of the

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Boston, May 9.
Senator and Mrs. Leverett
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engagement of their daughter
Emily to Richard Evelyn Byrd,
Jr., son of the Antarctic explorer.
Mr. Byrd served as a lieutenant
with a special Naval aviation unit
in the Pacific during the war and
is currently working in the field
of television.—United Press.

Tribunal having been duly made,
was in the absolute discretion of
the Governor-in-Council and
without the necessity of hearing
any interested party. It is not
unimportant that at the same
time that the request for a copy
of the reasons was refused an
application by the appellants to
be heard by counsel was also re-
fused. That being the situation,
perusal of the Tribunal's reasons
would not have benefited the
appellant in any way. The Gov-
ernor-in-Council made the Order
in a manner directed and under
powers conferred by Ordinance
and no authority has been quoted
to the Court that would sup-
port an argument that the with-
holding of the 'reasons' in such
circumstances could be regarded
as a breach of natural justice
sufficient to vitiate the Order in
Council.

The Finding

"The Court is of opinion that
upon the agreed facts, no reason-
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of counsel for the appellants that
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"But it was suggested that,
if it was a subject requiring
decision of this kind, it was
not fit to be decided under
the rule to which reference
has been made. The answer is
plain. The mere reading of a
short instrument like this, in-
volving no difficult considera-
tion as to the law, or really as
to the construction, can as well
be decided by a judge on the
hearing of a summons as on
the hearing of a demurrer, or
upon the trial of an action. It
would be argued by counsel in
the same way, and considering
the amount and importance
involved in this action, it would
be tried no doubt with the same
deliberation and care, in which-
ever way it was heard by the
Judge. There can be no reason
whatever why the Judge should
not decide it the first time it
was brought before him, or
why he should impose on the
parties the expense and delay
of a second hearing of such a
question."

"The appeal is dismissed with
costs."



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LABOUR PARTY SHOWDOWN

Domestic Crisis. Expected At Scarborough

Soviet Study Of India

Moscow, May 9.
The Soviet academician, Alexei Baranikov, has completed a book devoted to the history of Soviet studies of India.

He told the Soviet news agency, Tass, in an interview that Soviet students of India are at work in the history, economics and literature of the country, and are compiling dictionaries of the main Indian languages—Urdu, Hindi, Bengali and Marathi.

They have carried out extensive work on Hindu philology. They have published surveys of the history of various Indian literatures and the most popular Indian literary works have been translated into Russian.

The Soviet academician Scherbatsky wrote a fundamental monograph on the philosophy and logic of Buddhism. "My translation of the famous medieval epic Ramayana will soon be published," M. Baranikov told Tass. "The first book of the Mahabharata had also been translated and several students had made a collective translation of the politico-economic treatise called Arthashastra."—Reuter.

END OF WORLD!

Melbourne, May 9.
Cardinal Francis Spellman, Archbishop of New York, said today that the next war would "end the world itself." Addressing laymen at their dinner to celebrate the Centenary of the Diocese, he declared: "Followers of Christ are being persecuted because they refuse to do the bidding of anti-Christian nations and anti-Christian men."—Reuter.

BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By Shepard Barclay
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TWO CRISSES IN A HAND
Except on "bluffs"—hands, with which you automatically take in the tricks, you will usually find that there is some one particular critical stage at which correct action gives your objective for you. On other deals there will be two or more crises, each of which must be handled correctly. One may be a simple matter of sound technique, whereas the other may be a most complex tactical and may require several tricks to develop after the opportunity heaves in to sight.

S. 8 4 3
H. K 10
D. A J 6 3 2
C. K 10 7
S. Q 9 6
H. Q 9 3 2
D. 10 9 8
C. 8

S. J 10
H. A 7 6 5
D. Q 4
C. J 9 5 4
S. A K 7 5 2
H. J 8 4
D. K 5
C. A 6 2

(Dealer: South. North-South vulnerable.)
South West North East
1 S Pass 1 NT Pass
2 S Pass 2 NT Pass
3 NT

North's diamond suit was masked in just that way at two tables of a duplicate, the lead in each case being the same card from East, the club 4 dummy played low in each case and West the Q crisis No 1 was at

hand. The man who was set took this with the K. The declarer took two high spades and led a third to West, who promptly returned his last club. Declarer let the J hold that trick, then took the 3 with the A. Only eight tricks were at hand—four spades, two clubs and two diamonds—so he tried the diamond finesse. When that J lost to the Q, East set him two with club tricks and the heart A.

The other declarer let the club Q have the opener and took the second with his club K. After two top spades, he gave a third to West, who had no more clubs, so returned the heart 2 to the 10 in A. The club A was then knocked out, whereupon North noted the next crisis, a chance to seek a top score by a squeeze. He cashed one set-up spade and the heart K, then led the diamond J, the Q drawing the K. That pretty inversion of the diamond strength was followed by the last spade, which squeezed West. Seeing the heart J in dummy, he had to hold his Q, so discarded from his diamond 10-9. Then the diamond 5 lead to the A felled West's last diamond and made the 6 good, giving North his eleventh trick for a big top.

What purpose is served by the bidding of your suit besides its influence on your side's bidding and that of your opponents?

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Snowball Effect Of 40 Children Found Strangled

London, May 9.
Labour leaders, worried at the effect of Socialist Parliamentary discipline on the Government's authority, are preparing for a record "showdown" when the Party's annual conference opens at Scarborough on May 17.

Party members, disturbed by the snowball effect of recent group incidents such as the Nenni telegram and the defiance of the veto on members attending the Hague United Europe Conference, predict clashes involving challenges with the Executive, criticism of Ministers, and possibly a censure vote.

The Secretary for War, Mr. Emanuel Shinwell, the National Chairman of the Labour Party, himself under fire for publicly criticising the Government's handling of nationalisation, may be the central figure of a big clash.

The atmosphere may build up to a Labour domestic crisis in the intervening 10 days. Parliament will debate on Thursday a Conservative motion demanding an all-party committee to investigate allegations that names may have been added to the list of signatories to the Nenni telegram without the permission of their owners.

The Government, however, will resist any serious attempt to make political capital by taking the Labour Party hands, and, unless there is a defection among its own supporters, will prevent this happening.

But the telegram issue will not be fully ventilated until the Party Conference probes it from every angle.

A Purge

Transcending in importance these recent sectional squabbles is the party anxiety to purge its own extreme elements and to

Exercise Red Lion

Singapore, May 9.
Four Lincoln bombers, part of a force of nine planes which left England last month to test how complete Royal Air Force reinforcement units could be flown quickly to the Far East, arrived here today.

The force flying in "Exercise Red Lion," consisted of three Transport Command Yorks, which left Gainsborough on April 22 with an advance party of ground crews and six Lincoln bombers, which left on April 28.

In command was Squadron Leader A. K. Pasmore. The bombers reached Ceylon on May 1, where they spent a week carrying out exercises, and left today on the last lap, which included a "mock bombing raid on an island off Penang."

While here, the bombers will carry out further exercises over Malaya.—Reuter.

A NEW FORM OF PENICILLIN

Washington, May 9.
Wyeth, Inc. today announced a new form of penicillin named wycillin which can be injected without painful effects. They said the new drug will permit of more widespread use in fighting pneumonia, venereal diseases and other bacterial maladies.

It can be dissolved in water, eliminating the necessity of wax or oil solutions.—United Press.

RADIO

2.30 p.m.—Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 845 kilocycles from 12.15 to 2.00 p.m., and from 6.00 to 11.15 p.m., and also on 952 megacycles in the 31 metre band from 12.15 to 1.30, 7.30 to 8.30 and 9.10 to 11.15 p.m.

12.15 p.m.—Religious Talk to Children (Studio)

12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.

12.32 p.m.—Music for Romance. Rec. Leopold & His Players & Jack Cooper (H.B.C.T.S.)

1.02 p.m.—Pulse.

1.15 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.

1.25 p.m.—Orchestral Interlude.

1.30 p.m.—Songs and Music from Foreign Lands.

2.00 p.m.—Close Down.

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6.01 p.m.—Children's Story: "Peter Duck" by Arthur Hanson. Episode 10: "Diggers Camp" Read by Captain Flint (Studio).

6.30 p.m.—Bing and Bob Crosby.

7.00 p.m.—"See Tee" on Sport (Studio)

7.10 p.m.—Piano Recital by Eileen Joyce.

7.30 p.m.—Stage and Screen Favourites presented by Alton Woods (Studio)

8.00 p.m.—World and Home News (London Relay)

8.10 p.m.—Music at Dusk by Val Gilead. Produced by Philip Burn for the Hong Kong Stage Club.

8.40 p.m.—New Concert Orchestra.

9.00 p.m.—Summer Concert—Great Master J. S. Bach.

10.00 p.m.—World and Home News (London Relay)

10.15 p.m.—"Triumph of Neptune" Ballet—London Philharmonic Orchestra

10.30 p.m.—Hit Tunes from the latest Walt Disney production "Fun and Fancy Free"

11.00 p.m.—Radio News Reel (London Relay)

11.15 p.m.—Weather Report and Close Down.

Exercise Red Lion

American liaison officers photographed the corpses of 40 children, believed to have been strangled, found near the top of Mount Ghion, in Central Greece, by Greek troops operating against the guerrillas, the Greek General Staff announced today.

The bodies of 20 old men, most of whom seemed to have died of cold, were also found.

Medical experts have been sent to examine the bodies.

The Greek General Staff also announced that 22 guerrillas were killed, 18 captured and 14 surrendered in a large-scale operation by Greek forces, supported by aircraft, against the guerrillas in the Grevena area of Western Macedonia.

Greek Government losses were given as two officers and four other ranks killed and eight wounded. Fighting was continuing.

Guerrillas in the Mount Agrafa region of Thessaly were reported to have lost 12 killed and 16 men and women captured. Government losses were given as seven killed, 20 captured and 27 surrendered.

Guerrilla artillery was said to have shelled two villages in Eastern Macedonia.—Reuter.

Greek Executions

Athens, May 9.
The acting Greek Minister of Justice, M. Constantin Rendis, said today that in all 2,691 persons had been found guilty by courts of murder during the 1944 revolt or earlier.

About 500 of them had their appeals dismissed and petitions for mercy rejected.

During the term of office of the former Minister of Justice, the assassinated M. Ladas, 157 had been executed while 300 others awaited execution.

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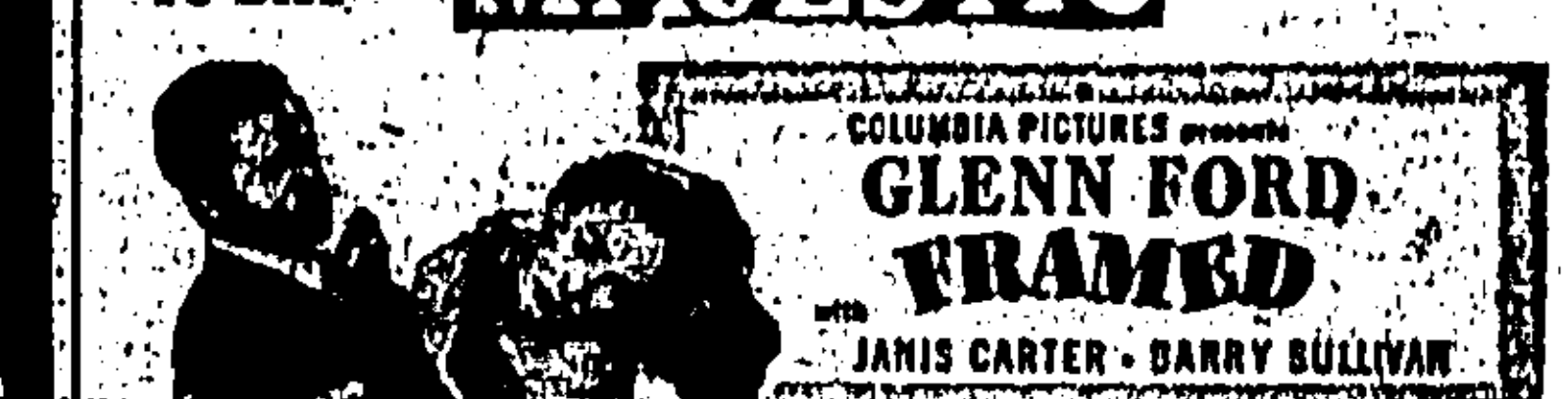
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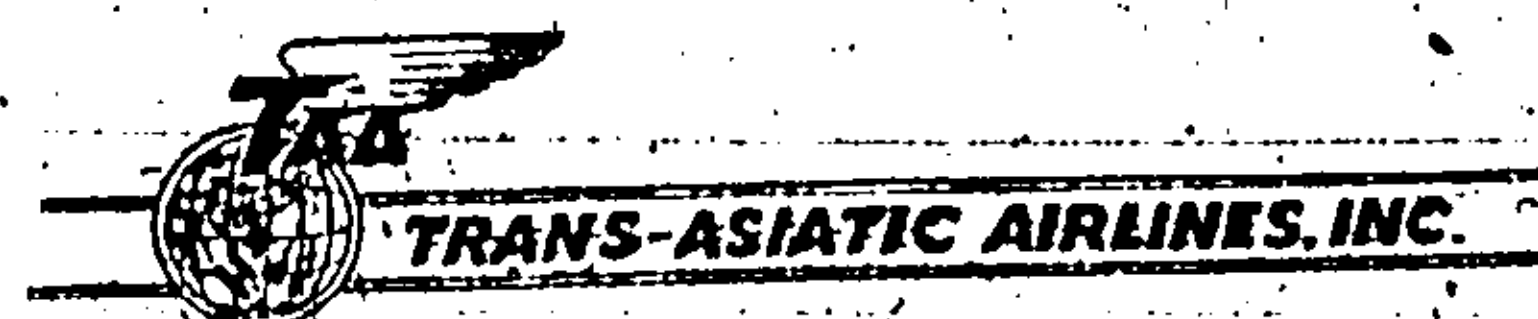
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DEATH

XAVIER.—On May 1, 1948 at his
 residence, 741 Rue Ratard,
 Shanghai, Fernando Ovidio
 Da Rocha Xavier, aged 39
 years, dearly-beloved hus-
 band of Mrs. Cecile Xavier
 and father of Trixie and
 Rudy.

U.S. POLICY IN
CHINA

Since the period immedi-
 ately after the war, when Amer-
 ican transport was used to
 enable the Chinese Govern-
 ment troops to move up to
 North China and forestall the
 Communists in taking over
 from the Japanese, there has
 been a natural reluctance in
 the United States to inter-
 vene in the Chinese civil war.
 Intervention in a foreign
 country must be for someone
 as well as against someone,
 and few Americans have re-
 cently been able to see in
 China any authority to which
 the support of American
 power could be given with a
 clear conscience. The correct
 moral position for Americans
 is to sustain a democracy
 against domestic dictatorship
 or foreign aggression. But in
 China no real political democ-
 racy exists to be endangered;
 the struggle has been hither-
 to between two brands of re-
 volutionary "tutelage," and
 the elections recently held to
 establish the democratic
 legitimacy of the present re-
 gime were not, even on the
 most generous interpretation,
 very convincing.

In the absence of any fair
 means of measuring relative
 popular support for the rival
 parties in China, General
 Chiang Kai-shek's Govern-
 ment might still have gained
 —or rather retained—general
 moral support in the United
 States, if it had shown itself,
 since the defeat of Japan, an
 active promoter of social and
 administrative reform. But
 shocking manifestations of
 inefficiency and corruption,
 particularly the post-war re-
 gime of carpet-baggers in Shanghai
 and Formosa—and the mal-
 versations of Unrta goods
 by high officials, have alien-
 ated many American observ-
 ers who cannot be suspected
 of inclination towards Com-
 munist. Indeed, they have
 been disposed to think well
 of any deluge which might
 cleanse the Augean stables.
 The Communists by contrast
 have won good reports for the
 honesty of their adminis-
 tration and the personal au-
 stery of their leaders—for the
 Chinese Communists, who
 need to bid for the genuine
 support of the masses, are
 still in the stage of apostolic
 poverty. Moreover, their
 short-term programme of
 agrarian reform and toler-
 ation for private enterprise in
 industry has seemed harm-
 less enough to foreign busi-
 ness men and liberal poli-
 ticians, who have even been
 converted in some cases to the
 belief that Chinese Commu-
 nists are a distinct species.

Were it not for the ques-
 tion of China's foreign policy,
 there can be no doubt that
 American tactics would be to
 let events in China take their
 course and recognise what-
 ever power emerged from the
 struggle. Chinese Commu-
 nism, however, shows funda-
 mentally the same gravita-
 tion towards the Soviet Union
 as "Communism" elsewhere.
 The full orthodoxy of their
 party line was demonstrated
 between 1939 and 1941, when
 they faithfully reproduced
 Soviet propaganda of the
 Molotov-Ribbentrop honey-
 moon and denounced the
 Anglo-French "imperialist
 war." There cannot be any
 reasonable doubt that Com-
 munist victory in China
 would mean its alignment in
 the Soviet bloc, with the same
 campaign against all Western
 influences, political, cultural

The
Twenty-second
Instalment

AT THE CALL OF HONOUR

may become necessary, but I
 feel entitled to ask you to let
 me know how we stand, both
 publicly and privately, before
 the debate opens at noon.

It seems to me that if the
 Labour party and, as I gather,
 the Liberal party, are estran-
 ged, it will be difficult to form
 an effective War Government
 on the limited basis you men-
 tioned. I consider that a fur-
 ther effort should be made to
 bring in the Liberals, and in
 addition that the composition
 and scope of the War Cabinet
 you discussed with me requires
 review.

There was a feeling to-night
 in the House that injury had
 been done to the spirit of na-

After some reflection, I felt
 that the average age of the Min-
 isters who were to form the
 supreme executive of war direc-
 tion would be thought too high,
 and I wrote to Mr. Chamberlain
 after midnight accordingly:
 "Aren't you a very old team?
 I make out that the six you
 mentioned to me yesterday
 aggregate 388 years or an aver-
 age of over 64. Only one year
 short of the Old Age Pension!
 If, however, you added Sinclair
 (40) and Eden (42) the aver-
 age comes down to 57½."

If the Daily Herald is right
 that Labour will not come in,
 we shall certainly have to face
 a constant stream of criticism,
 as well as the many disappoint-
 ments and surprises of which
 war largely consists. There-
 fore it seems to me all the more
 important to have the Liberal
 Opposition firmly incorporated
 in our ranks. Eden's influence
 with the section of Conserva-
 tives who are associated with
 him, as well as with moderate
 Liberal elements, also seems to
 me to be a very necessary rein-
 forcement.

The Poles have now been un-
 der heavy attack for 30 hours,
 and I am much concerned to
 hear that there is talk in Paris
 of a further Note. I trust you
 will be able to announce our
 Joint Declaration of War at
 latest when Parliament meets
 this afternoon.

The Bremen will soon be out
 of the interception zone unless
 the Admiralty take special
 measures and the signal is
 given to-day. This is only a
 minor point, but it may well
 be vexatious.

I was surprised to hear nothing
 from Mr. Chamberlain during the
 whole of Sept. 2, which was a
 day of intense crisis. I thought
 it probable that a last-minute
 effort was being made to pre-
 serve peace; and this proved true.
 However, when Parliament met
 in the afternoon, a short but very
 fierce debate occurred, in which
 the Prime Minister's temporising
 statement was ill-received by the
 House.

When Mr. Greenwood rose to
 speak on behalf of the Labour
 Opposition, Mr. Amery from the
 Conservative benches cried out to
 him, "Speak for England." This
 was received with loud cheers.
 There was no doubt that the tem-
 per of the House was for war.
 I even deemed it more resolute
 and united than in the similar
 scene on August 2, 1914, in which
 I had also taken part.

In the evening a number of
 gentlemen of importance in all
 parties called upon me at my
 flat opposite the Westminster
 Cathedral, and all expressed deep
 anxiety lest the Government fail in
 our obligations to Poland. The
 House was to meet again at noon
 the next day. I wrote that
 night as follows to the Prime
 Minister:

I have not heard anything
 from you since our talks on
 Friday, when I understood that
 I was to serve as your col-
 league, and when you told me
 that this would be announced
 speedily. I really do not know
 what has happened during the
 course of this agitated day;
 though it seems to me that en-
 tirely different ideas have
 ruled from those which you
 expressed to me when you said
 "the die was cast."

I quite realise that in contact
 with this tremendous European
 situation changes of method

Churchill's Memoirs
AT THE CALL OF HONOUR

Nothing had been said about
 when I should formally receive
 my Office from the King, and in
 fact I did not kiss hands till the
 fifth. But the opening hours of
 war may be vital with navies. I
 therefore sent word to the Ad-
 miralty that I would take charge
 forthwith and arrive at six
 o'clock. On this the Board were
 kind enough to signal to the Fleet,
 "Winston is back."

So it was that I came again
 to the room I had quitted in pain
 and sorrow almost exactly a
 quarter of a century before, when
 Lord Fisher's resignation had led
 to my removal from my post as
 First Lord and ruined irrevocably,
 as it proved, the important
 conception of forcing the Dur-
 danes.

A few feet behind me, as I sat
 in my old chair, was the wooden
 map-case I had fixed in 1911,
 and inside it still remained the
 chart of the North Sea on which
 each day, in order to focus atten-
 tion on the supreme objective, I
 had made the Naval Intelligence
 Branch record the movements and
 dispositions of the German High
 Seas Fleet. Since 1911—much
 more than a quarter of a century
 had passed, and still mortal
 peril threatened us at the hands
 of the same nation.

Once again, the sense of the
 rights of a weak State, outraged
 and invaded by unprovoked ag-
 gression, forced us to draw the
 sword. Once again we must
 fight for life and honour against
 all the might and fury of the
 valiant, disciplined and ruthless
 German race. Once again so
 be it.

Presently the First Sea Lord
 came to see me. I had known
 Dudley Pound slightly in my
 previous tenure of the Admiralty
 as one of Lord Fisher's trusted
 staff officers. I had strongly
 condemned in Parliament the
 dispositions of the Mediterranean
 Fleet when he commanded it in
 1938, at the moment of the Italo-
 Albanian descent upon Albania.

Now we met as colleagues
 upon whose intimate relations
 and fundamental agreement the
 smooth working of the vast Ad-
 miralty machine would depend.
 We eyed each other amicably if
 doubtfully. But from the earliest
 days our friendship and mutual
 confidence grew and ripened. I
 measured and respected the great
 professional and personal quali-
 ties of Adml. Pound.

As the war, with all its shifts
 and fortunes, beat upon us with
 slanging blows, we became ever
 truer comrades and friends. And
 when, four years later, he died
 at the moment of the general
 victory over Italy, I mourned
 with a personal pang for all the
 Navy and the nation had lost.

I spent a good part of the night
 of the 3rd meeting the Sea Lords
 and Heads of the various Depart-
 ments, and from the morning of
 the 4th I laid my hands upon the
 naval affairs. As in 1914, precau-
 tionary measures against surprise
 had been taken in advance of
 general mobilisation.

As early as June 15 large num-
 bers of officers and men of the
 Reserve Fleet, fully manned
 for exercise, had been inspect-
 ed by the King on Aug. 9, and
 on the 22nd various additional
 classes of reservists had been
 summoned.

On the 24th an Emergency
 Powers Defence Bill was passed,
 through Parliament, and at the
 same time the Fleet was ordered
 to its war stations; in fact our
 main forces had been at Scapa
 Flow for some weeks.

After the general mobilisation
 of the Fleet had been authorised
 the Admiralty war plan had un-
 folded smoothly, and in the spite
 of certain serious deficiencies,
 notably in cruisers and anti-sub-
 marine vessels, the challenge, as
 in 1914, found the Fleet equal to
 the immense tasks before it.

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Everyone was cheerful
 and jocular, as is the English
 manner when about to encounter
 the unknown.

As I gazed from the doorway
 along the empty street and at the
 crowded room below, my imagi-
 nation drew pictures of ruin and
 carnage and vast explosions
 shaking the ground; of buildings
 clattering down in dust and rub-
 ble, of fire-brigades and ambu-
 lances scurrying through the
 smoke beneath the drone of hos-
 tile aeroplanes. For had we not
 all been taught how terrible air
 raids would be?

The Air Ministry had, in nat-
 ural self-importance, greatly ex-
 aggerated their power. The

In this first extract from Book II of his
 narrative—a section which he calls "The
 Twilight War"—Mr. Churchill describes the
 fruitless attempt of Mr. Chamberlain to com-
 pose an all-party Government in September,
 1939, and reveals his own feelings on returning
 to the Admiralty.

national unity by the apparent
 weakening of our resolve. I
 do not underestimate the diffi-
 culties you have with the
 French; but I trust that we
 shall now take our decision
 independently, and thus give
 our French friends any lead
 that may be necessary.

In order to do this we shall
 need the strongest and most
 integral combination that can
 be formed. I therefore ask
 that there should be no an-
 nouncement of the composition
 of the War Cabinet until we
 have had a further talk.

As I wrote to you yesterday
 morning, I hold myself entire-
 ly at your disposal, with every
 desire to aid you in your task.
 I learnt later that a British
 ultimatum had been given to
 Germany at 9.30 p.m. on Sept.
 1, and that this had been follow-
 ed by a second and final ulti-
 matum at 9 a.m. on Sept. 3. The
 early broadcast of the 3rd an-
 swer proved that the Prime Min-
 ister would speak on the radio at 11.15
 a.m.

As it now seemed certain that
 war would be immediately de-
 clared by Great Britain and also
 by France, I prepared a short
 speech which I thought would be
 becoming to the solemn and aw-
 ful moment in our lives and his-
 tory.

The Prime Minister's broadcast
 informed us that we were al-
 ready at war, and he had scarce-
 ly ceased speaking when a
 strange prolonged wailing noise,
 afterwards to become familiar,
 broke upon the ear. My wife
 came into the room, braced by
 the crisis, and commented
 favourably upon German promp-
 titude and precision, and we went
 up to the flat-top of the house
 to see what was going on.

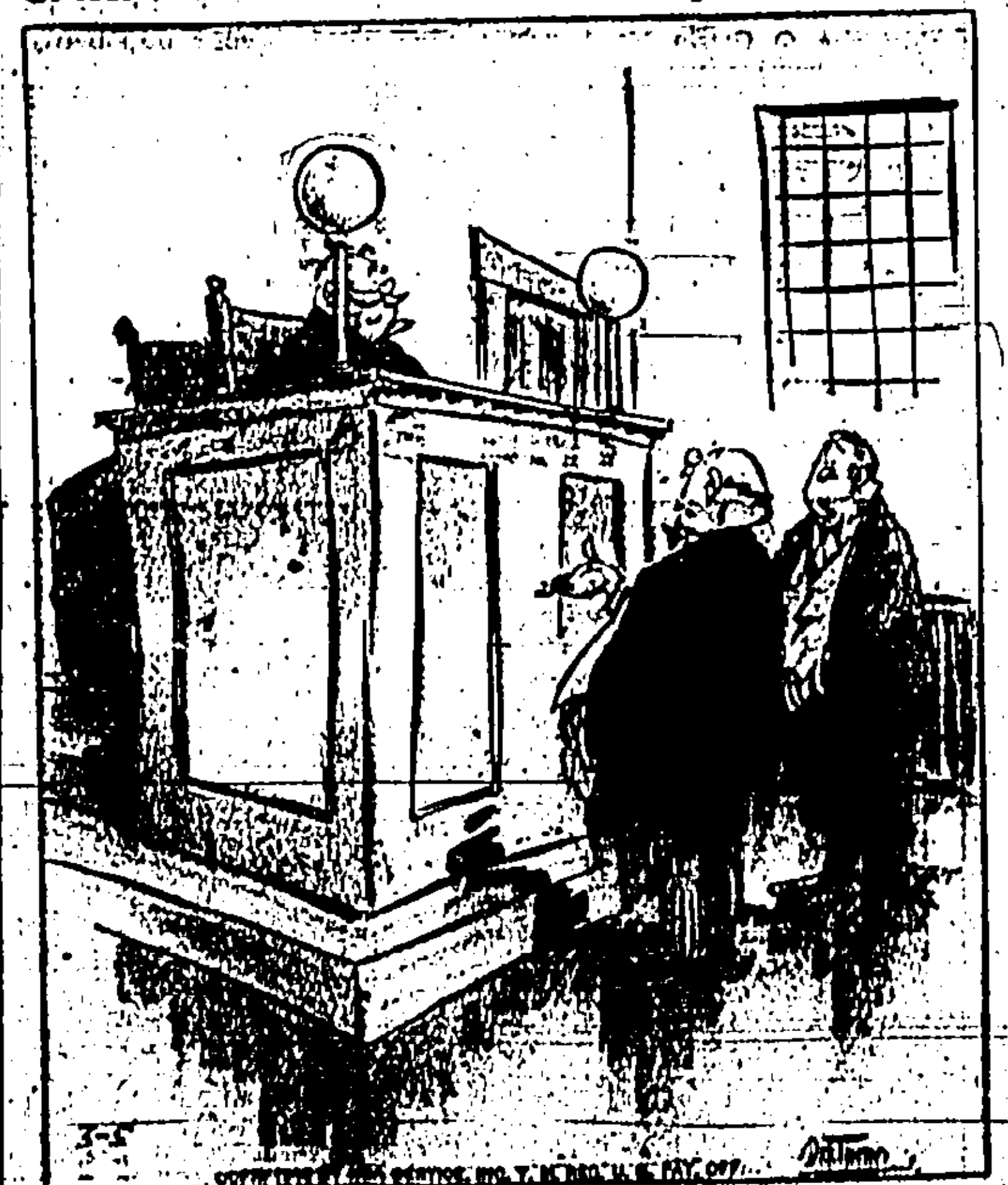
Around us on every side, in the
 clear, cool September light, rose
 the roofs and spires of London.
 Above them were already slow-
 ly rising 30 or 40 cylindrical
 balloons.

We gave the Government a
 good mark for this evident sign
 of preparation, and as the quar-
 ter of an hour's notice which we
 had been led to expect we should
 receive was now running out, we
 made our way to the shelter as-
 signed to us, armed with a bottle
 of brandy and other appropriate
 medical comforts.

Our shelter was a hundred
 yards down the street and con-
 sisted merely of an open base-
 ment, not even sand-bagged, in
 which the tennis of half-a-
 dozen flats were already assem-

CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"But, your memory all he did was to be his janitor for not
 turning on enough heat! Just give my client one more
 chance—he hardly hurt the man at all!"

French Policy In
The Ruhr

Toulouse, May 9.

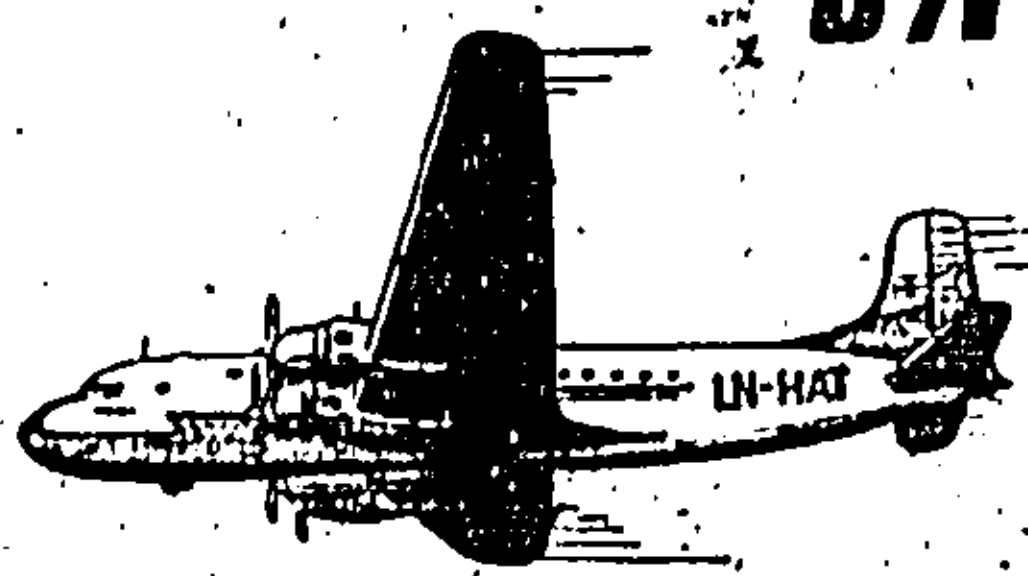
The French Foreign Minister, M. Georges Bidault,
 today vigorously denied that French delegates
 attending the London Conference on the future
 of Germany had given way to British and Ameri-
 can views.

Speaking at the annual Con-
 gress of the Popular Republican
 Party here, he declared: "As
 regards the control of the Ruhr
 and the establishment of a
 Federal Constitution for Ger-
 many, the French Government
 remains faithful to its doc-
 trine. We shall not follow a policy
 of 'all or nothing' but we shall
 not accept any solution which
 the French Government and the
 nation consider insufficient."

M. Bidault spoke in the pre-
 sence of visiting delegates of the
 Christian, Socialist, Democratic

parties in Germany, Italy and
 other countries. He told them
 that a world problem, depending
 on various international arrange-
 ments, alliances and on the
 United Nations organization.
 He described the five-year
 Brussels Pact as an alliance with-
 out precedent and the pregu-
 ration of an organized Europe.
 Five nations had undertaken to
 live in common "for the better
 and against the worse."
 It was only too clear, he con-
 cluded, that the present inter-
 national situation was not good
 but he warned against exaggerat-
 ing it.

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Mr. Churchill's Stirring Appeal

Amsterdam, May 9.

Crowds thronged the Dam Square here and massed on the roofs as Mr. Winston Churchill arrived to speak at the United Europe Rally held in front of the Royal Palace today.

Mr. Churchill, drove up with Mr. Anthony Eden. Before the speeches commenced, a mass choir sang a song of welcome and later, accompanied by a police band, played a new song: "Europe Unite" composed by an Amsterdam musician, Louis Noirat, for the occasion.

The gathering had a strong religious flavour with Dutch Protestants and Catholic speakers. The delegates stood with the crowd when a hymn was sung between speeches.

When Mr. Churchill compared the two extremes of totalitarianism to the North and South Poles, more polar bears at one and there came a big spontaneous laughter from the crowd, many of whom appeared to understand English.

They applauded when Mr. Churchill said: "The kind of life and laws and liberty which you and we on the other side of the Channel have established ought not to be crushed or flattened out by any form of totalitarian tyranny, either the hated Nazi domination that we have cast out or by any other form of similar despotism."

Before the meeting closed, Mr. Churchill was invited by Father Henri de Greeve, a Dutch Catholic broadcaster, to give his famous "V Sign," "this time not for the winning of an armed war, but for winning the peace."

United Europe

Mr. Churchill complied amid thunderous applause. After the ceremonies, Mr. Churchill returned by car to The Hague where he was to attend a dinner at the British Embassy for Conference delegates and Dutch notabilities.

Mr. Churchill, repeating his call for a United Europe, told the cheering crowd that Britain and Holland, "who share the same way of life, should move forward together, hand in hand and, if need be, shoulder to shoulder, to face the problems of the future."

The sunlit Dam Square was full-packed. Mr. Churchill continued: "Any alliance which the British and Dutch, and any other free Governments, may make between themselves is not directed against any particular country or people, but only against the powers of evil, wherever they may be, and wherever they may be."

"We have come here from so many lands, speaking so many languages, to take a step forward together, in harmony with the policy of our freely elected

Governments, towards reviving the old glories of Europe and to help this famous continent to the parent or guardian of so many great ideas and great states beyond the ocean, to resume its place as an independent and self-supporting member of a world organization."

Mr. Churchill said: "We have come here to proclaim to the world the mission and design of a United Europe whose moral conceptions will win the gratitude of mankind and whose physical strength will be such that none will dare molest her tranquility."

A New Europe

"This Europe we wish to see arise soon, to be safe from eruption from abroad. A Europe united, but where people will be proud to say 'I am a European'—where they will be members of the European community rather than of their own country and still owe allegiance to both of them."

"Here also," Mr. Churchill said, "we find ourselves in harmony with the great republic of the United States, whose heritage to mankind in this period of tension and strain commands our gratitude and also commands our true cooperation."

"As a part of the world organization, we hope that there will soon be formed a Council of Europe, which will comprise the Governments and peoples of as many European states as hold our convictions and accept the broad freedoms of democratic life as established by the freely expressed will of the people."

"This is the Europe which we wish to see arise in so great a strength as to be safe from internal disruption or foreign inroad."

Mr. Churchill concluded: "We hope to see a Europe where every country thinks as much of being a European as belonging to their own land. And that without losing any of their love and loyalty for their home and birthplace."

"Hurry Slowly"

The Congress has chosen by a large majority to "hurry slowly" and not call for the election of a European Parliament by universal suffrage before the end of this year. This temperance of speed was urged by Mr. Harold Macmillan, a British Conservative Member of Parliament and one of the British delegates. The Congress will pass a political resolution asking the Parliaments of member nations to nominate representatives to a European Assembly to plan for the eventual economic and political union of Europe.

May Break Off Relations

Cairo, May 9.
The Arab League is considering a recommendation to member states that they break diplomatic relations with any country recognizing the Jewish State, it was reported today.—United Press.

The decision was the result of an all-day session of the Political Committee yesterday, which lasted from 9.00 a.m. until 3.00 a.m. local time, with interruptions only for meals.

Last night's session quickly resolved itself into a clash between those who believe Europe will take a lively interest in European union only if the peoples of Europe are themselves invited to elect a European Assembly, and those who preferred to aim at a nominated Constituent Assembly as more likely to be realized in practice.

An advocate of what was vaguely described as "shock treatment" and "revolutionary tactics" was M. Paul Reynaud, a former Premier of France, whose resolution calling for a universally elected Assembly produced a debate in which the speeches for both sides at times reached a high level of eloquence.

His opponents came from two main camps. In the British delegation, Mr. R. W. G. Mackay (Labour) and Mr. Harold Macmillan (Conservative) joined forces to urge the Congress to adopt a resolution which could be put before the Parliaments of Europe with a reasonable chance of success.

Irresponsible

The Union of European Federalists, Chairman, Dr. Henri Brugmans of Holland, opposed M. Reynaud's amendments, while welcoming its note of urgency, and swung the vote decisively against the motion.

M. Brugmans said that the resolution as proposed by the Committee was more likely to lead to an all-European Assembly. Mr. Mackay attacked M. Reynaud's proposal as "foolish" and likely to make the Hague Congress "the laughing stock of the world."

He said M. Reynaud was irresponsible, adding that the resolution stood no chance whatever of obtaining the assent of Parliaments in Britain or in the other countries represented.

M. Reynaud retorted that he believed the principle of an elected rather than a nominated Assembly vital.

"If the people of Europe are offered only an Assembly of Deputies elected by other Deputies, there will be a wave of disappointment," M. Reynaud said, "but if they are called upon to elect a new Assembly to unite Europe, there will be an upsurge of hope and enthusiasm."

The Reynaud amendment was eloquently supported by M. Pierre Bourdon, France's young Minister of Information. In spite of the vigour of the debate, the final vote was something of an anticlimax. Only a handful of delegates raised their hands in favour of the Reynaud motion.—Reuter.

Naval Exercises In North Sea

London, May 9.

The British Navy is holding its largest exercises since 1939 on May 13 and 14 in the North Sea off the coast of Norway.

The Foreign Office, aware of unconfirmed reports of pressure on the Scandinavian countries by Russia, denied emphatically that there was any ulterior motive in the naval exercises at this time and in the North Sea.

The Admiralty affirmed that the manoeuvres are being held in the North Sea "because it is the logical place to hold them."

Whatever the reason, the Admiralty is collecting "a naval force" for the exercises. Taking part will be two battleships, Anson and Howe, both of which were completed in 1942; four cruisers, the Tiger class, cruiser Superb of 8,000 tons, which was completed in 1945; 11 destroyers, including the Agincourt, a battle cruiser of 1,710 tons; four frigates and 10 submarines. About 85 naval aircraft will take part in the exercises. Drawn from eight naval air squadrons, they will include rocket-carrying fighters, naval reconnaissance fighters, torpedo bombers, and anti-aircraft fighters.

The Royal Air Force will send about 50 heavy aircraft, including Lincoln and Lancaster bombers. Lightnings, Spitfires, and Hurricanes will provide "honest" anti-aircraft defence.

Air Attack

The exercise, the Admiralty announced, will be the usual one—a composite naval force will be attacked by aircraft and submarines and later submarines will be sought and attacked by aircraft.

But the fliers will try new techniques in the art of locating and shadowing opposing naval units.

The aircraft assigned to shadow the opposing fleet are to operate below the enemy's radar horizon and from a variety of bearings in order to reduce the risk of fighter interception. The Royal Air Force will intend to attack against a force of ships of the destroyer class.

The First Lord of the Admiralty, Lord Hall, and the First Sea Lord, Admiral of the Fleet Sir John Cunningham, will be present for the opening of the manoeuvres.—Associated Press.

Special Powers For Chiang

Nanking, May 10.
The National Government last night officially promulgated "temporary constitutional provisions" granting President Chiang Kai-shek emergency powers for the duration of the Communist suppression campaign.

The provisions, which were approved by the National Assembly on April 18, in an almost unanimous vote, stipulate:

(1) That during the present period of national crisis the President may, without previous consent of the Legislative Yuan, take emergency measures to avert imminent danger to the security of the state or the people, or to cope with serious financial or economic situations, provided such measures have been approved by the Executive Yuan.

(2) That the Legislative Yuan may modify or abrogate such measures.

(3) That the President may, on his own initiative, or at the request of the Legislative Yuan, declare termination of the national crisis.—Reuter.

Shanghai Fracas

Shanghai, May 10.
Nine were injured when 200 soldiers clashed with police and gendarmes at the Tien Shan theatre here while Mei Lanfang, China's foremost female impersonator, staged "The Drunken Princess."

The dispute began over the seating of the soldiers, and after 13 of the latter were arrested by gendarmes, 44 of their colleagues turned up some hours later with iron bars and clubs and stormed the theatre's booking office, smashing windows and furniture.

Information from the Garrison Headquarters disclosed that severe punishment will be meted out to the soldiers responsible for the incident.—Reuter.

China's Cabinet

Shanghai, May 10.
President Chiang Kai-shek is expected to submit Cabinet appointments, including nomination for the Premiership, almost immediately after his inauguration on May 20, to the Legislative Yuan, which must approve them, according to special Chinese despatches from Nanking.

Reports add that all indications point to Chang Chun, present Premier, as likely to continue in the same post. General Ho Ying-chin, former Commander-in-Chief of the Chinese Army, was considered a possibility for the Premiership at one time, but Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek is said to have decided against Ho's appointment, "because it would put three military men in three of the highest Government posts—himself, Vice President Li Tsung-tsen and Ho Ying-chin.—Reuter.

U.S. Socialist Resolutions

Reading, Pennsylv., May 9.
The Socialist Party national convention today passed a resolution that the United States must continue economic aid to free nations if Russia rejects plans to democratise the United Nations.

The convention urged the United States to "proceed to the formation of close effective organisation of all nations that recognise the wisdom of this programme."

The delegates, who nominated Norman Thomas as presidential candidate, also went on record as favouring the elimination of the big power veto in the United Nations, opposing peacetime conscription, and advocating universal disarmament.—United Press.

Inflation Threat In Japan

Tokyo, May 10.
Japan's price situation, which has shown little fluctuation since the beginning of the year, is again beginning to deteriorate following further note issue, according to reports in the Japanese press, quoting economic experts.

These reports say that the note issue exceeded 220,000 million yen at the end of last month. They said that the currency expansion since the end of the war was due to the payment of increased wages to Government workers, a temporary fall in tax collection, and the Government's settlement of outstanding accounts.—Reuter.

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Woman Today

FASHIONS OF 1880 IN LONDON

VICTORIA CHAPPELLE

Gives this picture of the new London models, many of them harking back to the "Naughty Nineties" and Renoir paintings.

Evening clothes in the London collections owe a great deal to the closing years of the 19th century. This may be due to the fact that designers look back with nostalgia to the 1880's when life seemed to have few problems—if you had enough money—and magnificence in women's dress was a source of immense pleasure to themselves and their husbands, and great profit to their dressmakers.

But whatever the cause, it is easy to trace the origin of the wide-skirted dresses with their bodices closely moulded from bust to below the hips, and the massed ruching which trim both the décolletage and the skirt, which Norman Hartnell shows in his collection. Even his patterned dresses owe something to the same influence, as do the Victor Stiebel fish-wife skirts draped up to add width to the hips and importance to the figure.

The lovely ladies of the famous painter Renoir—and even Toulouse-Lautrec's lascivious models—were such evening fashions with nonchalance because they were very little different in silhouette from the clothes they wore by day, stays and all. But it remains to be seen whether the modern woman will be as successful. She will need either subjection to this form of construction or steady exercise if she wants to wear these new fashions with chic.

With A Vengeance

Even the full-skirted, ankle-length ballerina dresses, now seen in every collection, demand the same discipline, for their snugly fitting bodices are seamed in much the same way as were the clothes of 1880, and even, in some cases, boned as they were.

And already the arguments are beginning that tight-lacing, with the pressure applied to the waist-line only, is not only not injurious but positively beneficial.

No one denies, of course, that these ankle-length dresses are becoming, remember, two notable models—one by Michael

Sherard in black crepe over a stiffened petticoat of orchid-colored tulle which dropped below the hemline of the skirt. The second was a dress by Norman Hartnell which was similar, except that the bertha was more

of a cape and the low waist-line more accented.

It is interesting to note that in these two types of dress, the limit for the age-line is sharply drawn. The elegant woman of 35 can wear her

ballerina dress with chic; but the woman of 40 must drop her skirt-length, although she can add a little exaggeration in the form of trimming or jewellery.

Hair-styles and slippers must change with skirt lengths. The "Renoir" styles and shoulder-length hair look more than ridiculous together; in fact, even with the ballerina dress long hair seems out of the picture—to tell the truth, it is out-of-date anyway.

For all the 1919 clothes, hair must be worn high, accenting the curve of the jaw and the line of the neck.

Shoes, too, need straps if worn with the ballerina line, or for longer dresses, they must be elegant pumps, high-heeled and slim.

Accessory News from Britain

On view at the recently opened permanent export showroom of International Business Services London, is the Gala Travel Bag, displayed by The Gala of London Ltd. This bag contains a complete make-up kit with foundation, non-spill powder, lipstick (with space for a spare), mascara, facial cream and tonic. Other equipment includes comb, stand-up mirror, and a leather fold for tissues.

This particular exhibit demonstrates the firm's policy of colour in make-up and introduces an extensive new range of powder and lipstick shades which enable women of every complexion, whether blonde, brunette, red-head or medium, to wear with success any fashionable colour. The firm also offers tinted foundations to match every complexion, shades, rouge to tone with lipstick shades, and a smudging nail varnish to team up with lips and nails.

Cartridge-Bolt

All the Gala products are packed in beautiful and distinctive cartons striped in gold and white, while the lipstick cartons have a pictorial symbol typifying each colour—which ingeniously overcomes translation difficulties for the export market. The Gala Cartridge Bolt (made by Paris House Ltd., who provided accessories for Princess Elizabeth's going-away outfit) is fitted with miniature lipstick in all shades, and can be ordered in any colour shade.

Artistic Licence

Visitors to London will find plenty of souvenirs to carry home but women will probably prefer the new scarves which have been designed by a famous firm of silk manufacturers. These Jacquard squares of silk are printed with famous London landmarks sketched diagonally across a plain coloured square. The tourist may, perhaps, object that the sight of Tower Bridge and the Tower in close juxtaposition with the Mansion House, St. Paul's, Westminster Abbey and Epsom, not to mention two or three more well-known buildings can hardly be regarded as good topography, but few women are likely to worry about that. The scarf, which is produced in seven shades, teal, bluish (a shade of rose), Parma violet, Jacquemarine (a shade of blue), brown, navy and apple green, has a border formed by a repeat of the word "London" in old English type.

Draw an embroidery design on the material with a good black lead pencil. Press with a hot iron, and the design will not rub out so easily. If there are any mistakes in the design, they should be removed with an ordinary eraser before ironing.

For a plump cocktail stick, stuff three-inch stalks of crisp, tender celery with white cream cheese to which diced shrimps and salad dressing have been added. Chill until serving time.

Evening Choker



A new high in jewelled collars to dramatize a low after-dark neckline is shown by Irene Dunne, starring in the R.K.O. Radio version of "I Remember Mama." An important revival for daytime wear as well, it's a choker of three closely strung coloured strands, the centre one outlasting the other two.

HOW TO USE FROZEN MEAT

Now that frozen meats are being used more and more widely, the housewife faces new uncertainties in her kitchen until she becomes sure of new methods. Meanwhile food experts in America have been exploring the way for her. In the light of their tests, the following data is of interest.

De-Freezing
Roughly a four-pound roast takes from eight to 10 hours at room temperature, and an inch-thick steak about four hours at room temperature.
A beef roast put into the oven frozen takes from two and one-half times longer to cook "rare" than a thawed or fresh roast.

After thawing, the meat should be cooked by the same methods used for a similar cut of fresh meat. It is interesting to note that the experts recommend moderate temperatures for both roasting and broiling.

Roasting in an open pan with no water added, without searing first, is another recommendation. Not so much time is needed when frozen meat is used for pot roasts or stews as when cooked by the dry heat of roasting or broiling. A frozen pot roast of moderate size will need 45 minutes to an hour longer to cook than a thawed or fresh pot roast.

No exact time for thawing can be given because the thawing depends on size, shape, thickness, and other characteristics of the meat.



FASHION PARADE: (Left) A fashion suggestive of the 1880's is this Hartnell gown of grey tulle. Here is the elaborate ruching, outlining the shoulders, worn seventy years ago, and the same close-fitting bodice and rows of ruching stressing the hips above a full skirt. Right: The hem of a petticoat in orchid-coloured tulle peeps beneath the hem of Michael Sherard's 1880 black crepe dress shown from the London collections. A bertha fichu is draped into the closely-fitted bodice so that the shoulders seem to slope almost diagonally.

"Before-Taking" Of Dress-Making

From The Christian Science Monitor

If women were to see how a modern dress factory operated, they would be astonished at the technical skills employed, and at all the work necessary to produce frocks that enable them to be well-dressed even on a small budget.

The engineering skill that is required to turn out an automobile—or a plane—or a Diesel engine—or the minute parts of a radio, are common knowledge. But if one asserts that the same engineering skill is required to turn out the many items of apparel which are used to clothe women today, a glance of skepticism is usually the answer.

The dress manufacturing industry everywhere has grown up in the past quarter century and although in the mind of the average consumer it is still an easy operation of the basic skills employed by the village dressmaker, the opposite is true.

Trend And Trials
Also she must know fashion trends, for her dress, to be acceptable, must recognize fashion details set by the fashion arbiters—the custom-made designers of Paris and New York.

The designer, then, is the cornerstone of the apparel industry. She has to help solve technical problems.

Recently in one American factory, a flared skirt trimmed with rows of rickrack braid to form a pattern, when done by usual sewing methods, was found to cost almost two-thirds of the selling price of the garment. Without the rickrack the dress would look uninteresting, dull. The engineer had to find a way to apply the rickrack without sacrificing the anticipated profit on the garment.

This is not an isolated instance, but it shows how engineering studies serve in the manufacture of dresses.

No Waste Here
It is this "engineering" department which decides how a pattern shall be laid on the cloth to utilize every scrap of fabric and to cut without waste.

In home-sewing the little scrap of fabric is only a piece for the scrap bag, but in a modern factory it may be the difference between an operation at a profit and an operation at a loss.

To be considered, too, is the fact that the sewing and finishing of garments is today highly skilled, but no more so than the pressing.

The presser in a factory has the responsibility of seeing that the basic lines of the garment are not lost in this final operation. With so many synthetic fabrics on the market, the presser must know how fabrics behave under heat and must learn to give right line and shape to a garment.

Instruction on handling, ways of washing and cleaning, are attached to nearly all garments before they are shipped, to the stores.

In modern apparel production, all these steps are preliminary to modern selling and merchandising. Labels are used to create repeat demand for garments that have a record of good performance.

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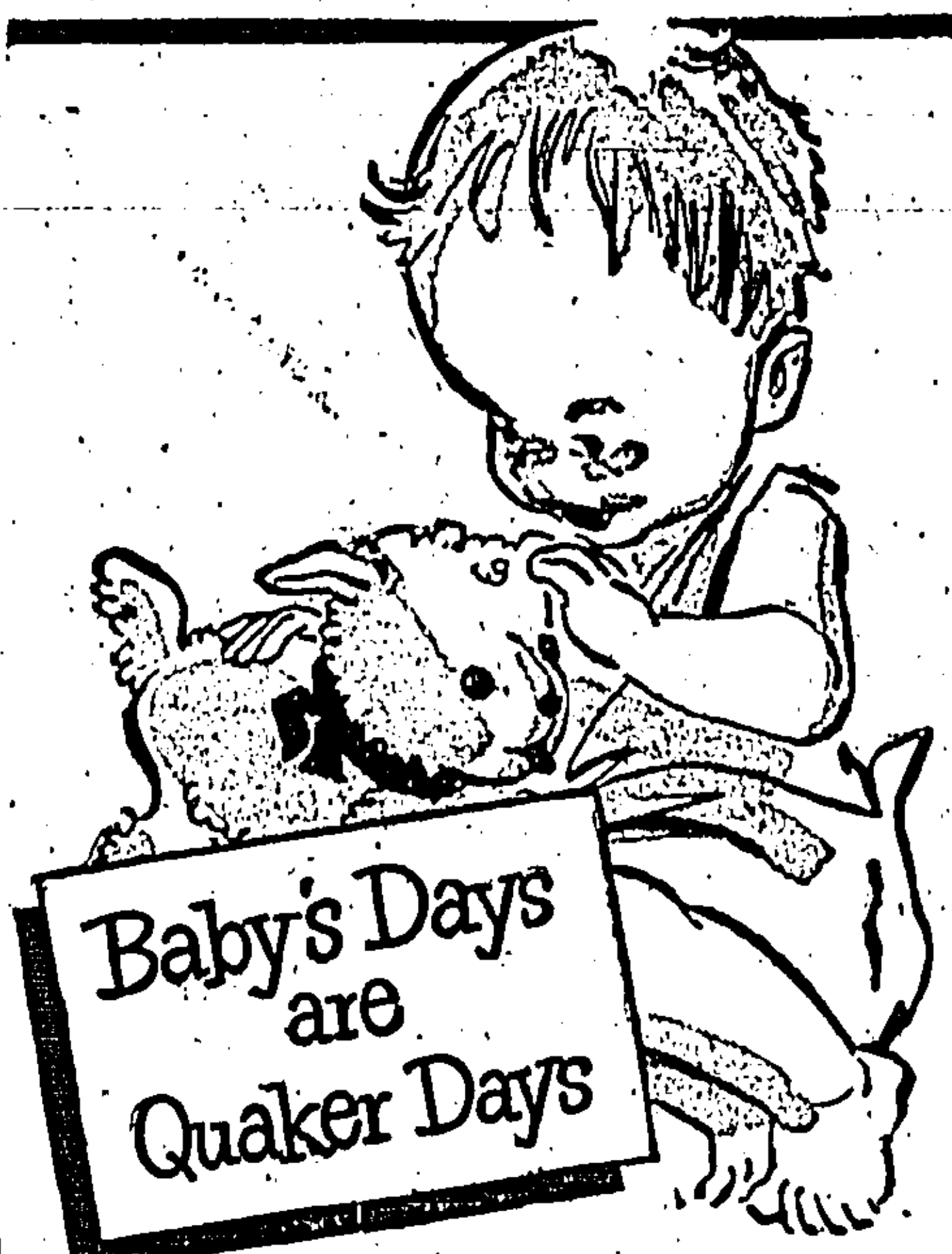
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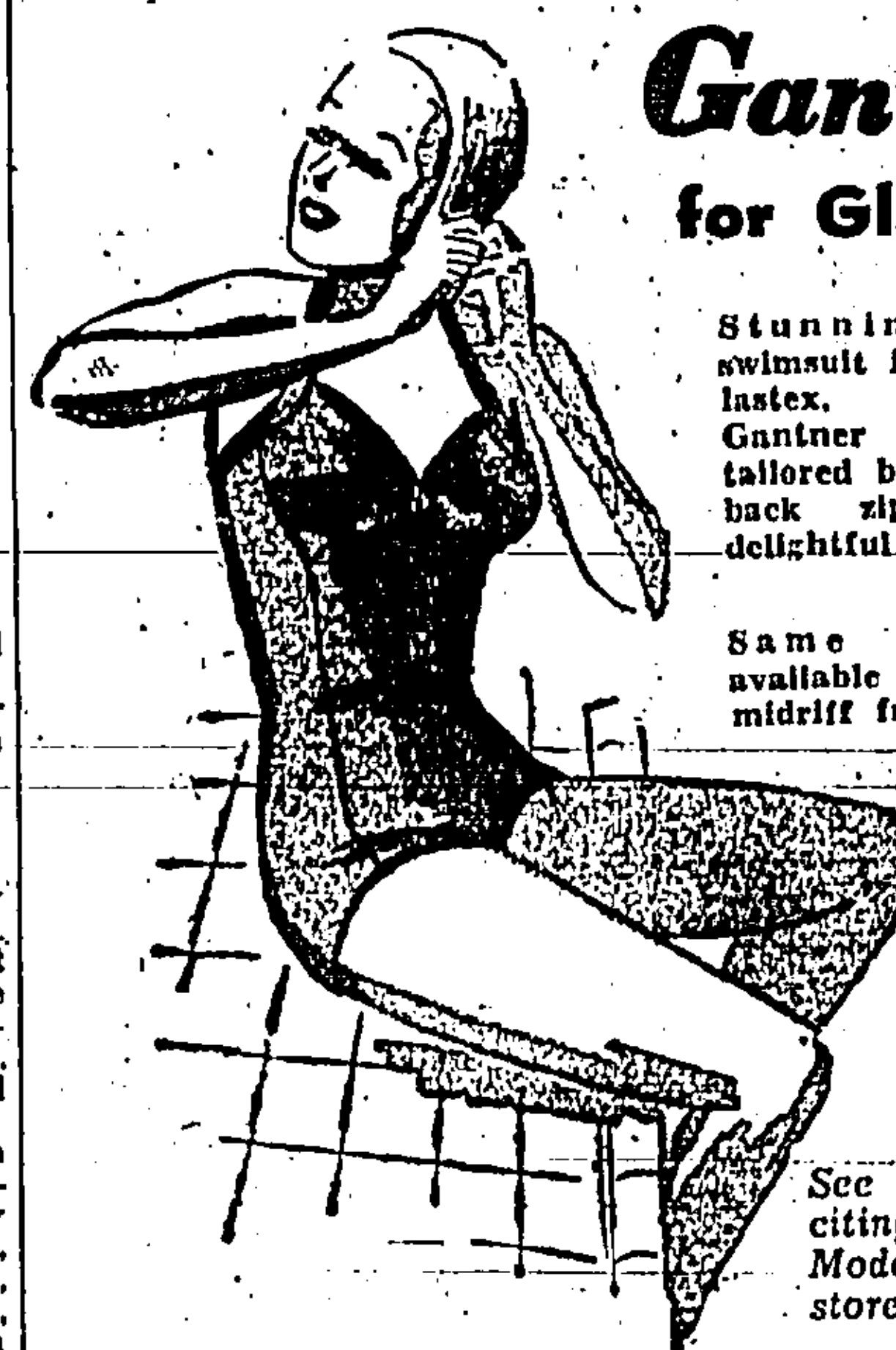
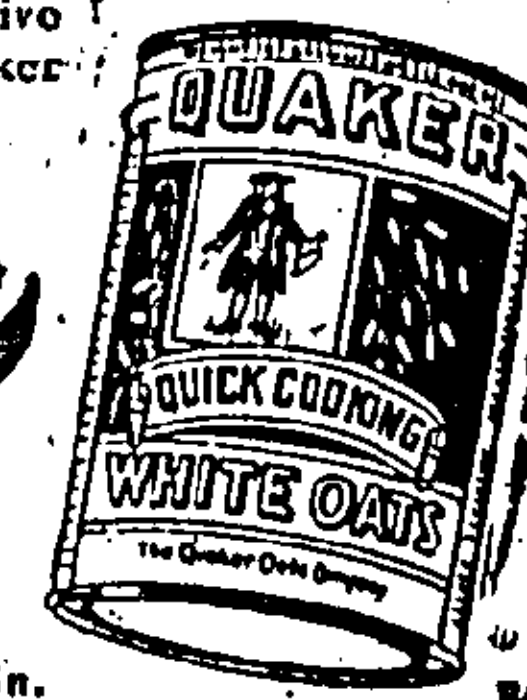
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UNCONTROLLED BICYCLES IN KOWLOON

(By JAMES ASHWIN)

Day by day in Kowloon, the number of pedal cyclists is increasing while in far too many cases they are ridden by people who are too small, to control them properly.

The majority of pedal cyclists are comparatively young and are often venturesome and casual in their attitude to road safety.

Alleged Pirates Remanded

When the cases in which Ling Cheuk-wah (40), Kung Kin-chung alias Lai Pin (39), Ling Chan-lai alias Ling Chung (29), and Ching Chung-nam alias Chon Chik (36), were charged with the piracy on board the s/s "Van Heutz" on Dec. 14 last, and Lai Sang-yun (37) boatmaster, Fung Yau-chun Fong Tai (44) and Lai Kwai-fun (36), boatmen, were charged with unlawful imprisonment of Chan Kuet-cheung (one of the hostages) for six hours on April 12, were called before Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday, it was decided that both will be heard together when committal proceedings against the men commence.

Applying for another 72 hours' remand in custody, Det. Inspector Franklin stated that second defendant, Kung Kin-chung, would be legally represented.

Commended By Police

Mr. Pinna was commended by the Police, and thanked by the Magistrate, at the conclusion of the case in which Chan Ming (26) was charged before Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday with the theft of motor-car tools on May 8.

At 2.50 p.m. that day, said Inspector J. Orem, Mr. Pinna saw defendant closing the luggage container of car No. 7046, owned by Mr. S. Lazzari, parked outside 20 Humphrey's Building. The suspicious accused, Mr. Pinna followed accused down Carnarvon Road and in Nathan Road caught hold of him and handed him to PC 257. Searched, the bag was found to contain a set of motor-car tools which defendant admitted having stolen from the car.

With a previous conviction for larceny of motor-car fittings, accused was sentenced to nine months' hard labour.

HEROIN DIVAN FINE

Cheng Sze, 58-year-old female, was fined a total of \$2,000 (or 15 months' hard labour) when she was convicted by Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday on three charges in respect to a heroin divan at 58 Woosung Street, second floor, which was raided by Det. Sub-Inspector E.G. Baker on April 30.

LARCENY OF TOOTHPASTE

With four previous convictions for larceny, Fong Wai (40) was sentenced by Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday to three months' hard labour and recommended for banishment when he pleaded guilty to the charge of larceny of two tubes of dental cream.

Defendant, said Inspector J. Orem, stole the tubes from the counter of a shop at 387 Shanghai Street at 8.45 p.m. on May 8. He was seen, and arrested, by the mistress, Ho Ho.

POLICE TRAINEE REMANDED

An Yeung-hang, 27-year-old trainee of the Police Training School, Kowloon, was remanded by Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday on a charge of unlawful possession of two pairs of tank drill shorts, the property of the Hong Kong Government.

Caught In Sisters' Quarters

At 11.45 p.m. on May 7, Li Wah (25), unemployed, was found by Wai King-wah, constable employed at the Sisters' Quarters, Kowloon Hospital, inside the quarters.

Unable to account for his presence there, he was taken to Kowloon City Police Station where he stated that he went there to beg for food. He was charged with being found on enclosed premises, and searched preparatory to being put in cells. A fountain-pen was found in his possession. He then admitted that he stole the pen from the kitchen a few minutes before his arrest.

When defendant pleaded guilty, Inspector J. Orem informed Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon Court yesterday that accused had three previous convictions. He was sentenced to 12 months' hard labour and recommended for deportation.

Court Case Was "Sheer Waste Of Time"

"Don't you use the Criminal Courts for personal quarrels," Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr warned Chan Chi-ching, 28-year-old spinster, who appeared as complainant against Li Pit-shan (47), unemployed, charged at Kowloon yesterday with the larceny of a suitcase containing 23 pieces of clothing.

After the girl had given evidence, the Magistrate acquitted defendant, and told the prosecuting officer that the case should never have been brought before the Court. "It is a sheer waste of time," said Mr. Blair-Kerr.

According to Sub-Inspector J. S. Howarth, complainant and defendant were friends and when the girl came down from Canton on April 29 she went to live at Li's flat at 15 Lion Rock Road, ground floor.

On the night of May 6 she was assaulted by defendant and left the premises, leaving all her clothing, contained in a suitcase, behind.

Six later got in touch with defendant's son, employed as a pharmacist at the Kowloon Hospital, in an attempt to get back the suitcase, but without any results.

Sent for by the Kowloon City Police, after the girl had made a report at 4 p.m. on May 7, Li claimed that he gave the complainant the clothes and that he was entitled to keep them when she left him. She was, he said, his kept woman. The matter was referred to the S.C.A. who referred it back to the Police.

Defendant, said SI Howarth, told the S.C.A. that he was prepared to marry the girl but that she refused him. She, however, admitted intimacy with him at the Nam Lo Hotel sometime last month.

The property was recovered at 70 Tai Nam Street, second floor, occupied by defendant's friend. "It appears to be a question of six of one and half a dozen of the other," concluded the prosecuting officer.

After complainant had given evidence, on the lines of the Crown's opening, the Magistrate acquitted accused.

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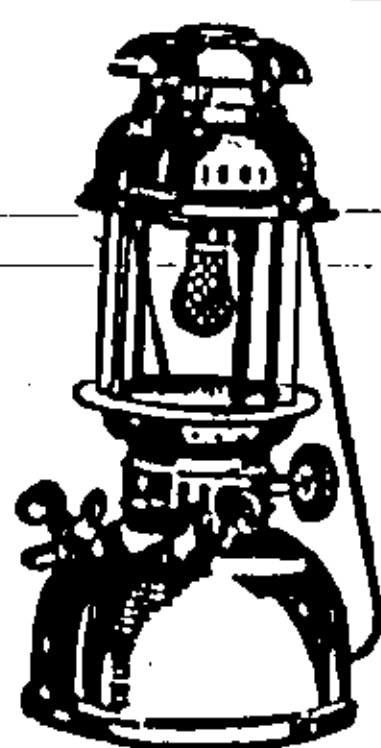
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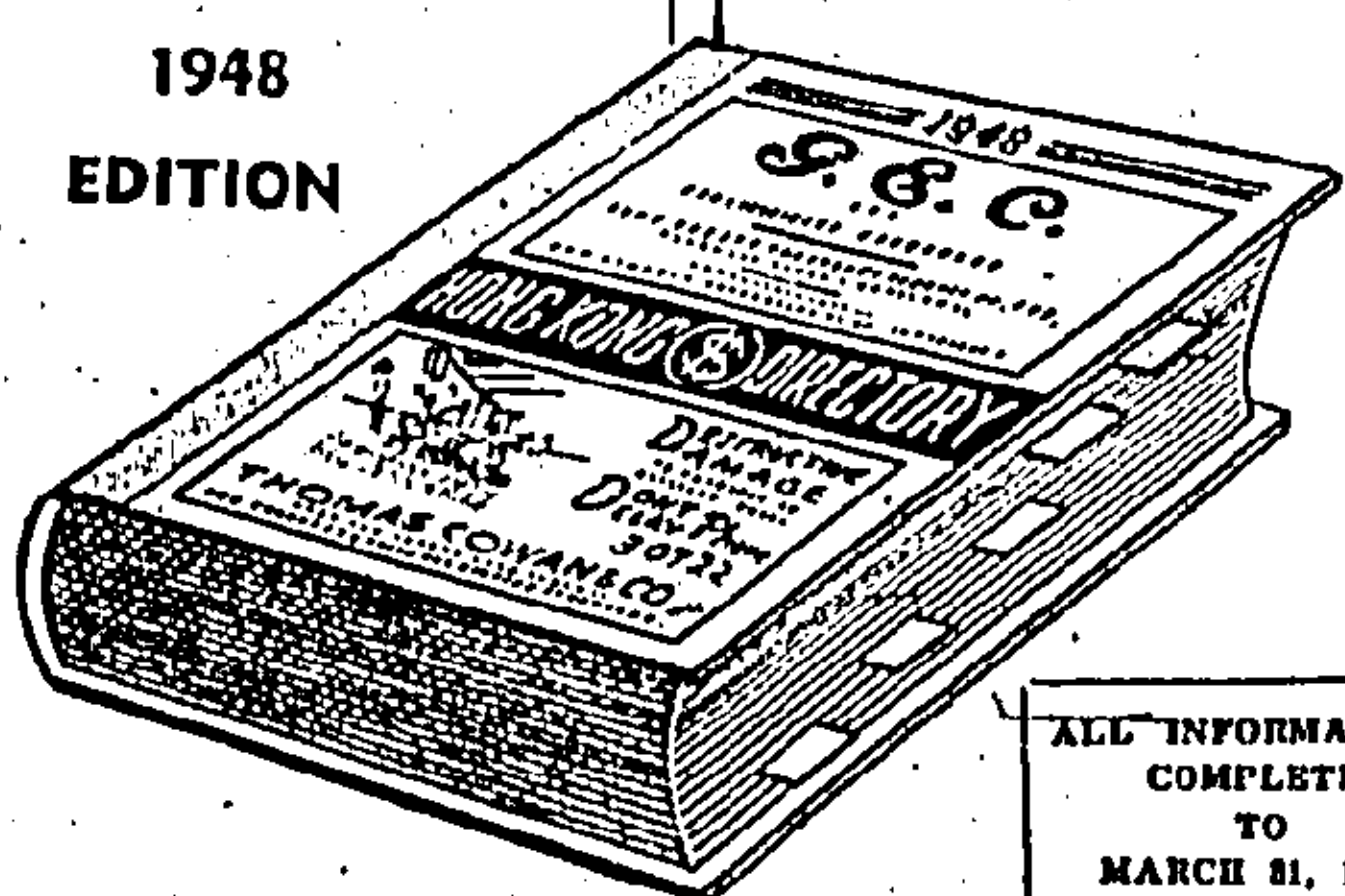


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U.S. ADMISSION OF DP'S
Relaxation Of Immigration Laws Anticipated
Congress Debates
Pending.

Washington, May 9.

The United States Congress will finally come to grips
this week with the problem of entry into the
country of Europe's displaced persons.This week the Senate starts to debate a bill to allow
in 50,000 refugees a year for two years. A
similar, but more generous measure, is pending
in the House of Representatives.While the opposition is still
active, Congressional experts
believe that before Congress re-
cesses, some sort of compromise
will be approved and American
immigration laws relaxed. Lobby-
ists consider the Senate figure
thoroughly inadequate, when
camps already hold 850,000 re-
fugees.Fifty per cent of the Senate's
100,000 visas must go to people
from "countries annexed by a
foreign power." This would ap-
ply only to Latvians, Estonians
and Lithuanians, and is regarded
as unfair to other nationalities who
have suffered at least as much.
The other 50 per cent must be
agriculturalists, which dis-
criminate against skilled, pro-
fessional and technical workers.
In addition, the Senate bill
would only admit displaced per-
sons who reach Germany, Italy
or Austria between September 1,
1939, and December 22, 1945.
Zionist sources here insist that
this would exclude many Jews
who fled later from religious or
political persecutions.The Quality Of
Tolerance

Melbourne, May 9.

Sir Laurence Olivier, opening
Empire Youth Week in Melbourne
today, extolled the virtue of tol-
erance within British Empire family
life.Addressing 3,000 Victorian chil-
dren, Olivier said, "You have a
heritage of a wonderful quality—
and that is tolerance. Tolerance
means decency, understanding and
fair play."Olivier said that many stern
doctrines are being shot around
the world but their authors for-
got this family virtue. The
family was the basis of sanity
and decency and it must never
perish, he added.—Associated
Press.Trygve's Trust In
United Nations

Prague, May 9.

The Secretary General of the United Nations,
Trygve Lie, warned today that regional blocs
could not prevent war.In a special article for the Communist newspaper,
Rude Pravo, Lie said the United Nations rep-
resent the "sole hope of holding the world together
in this difficult postwar period," but it must
continue to have a worldwide character if war is
to be prevented.Lie said: "I believe that
all that happened in the past
three years proves the wisdom
of those who founded and
organized the United Nations
as a worldwide organization of
sovereign states. Regional
federations and groups can and
often are highly desirable but
they do not solve the question
of war."Lie said there is a tendency in
the world today to blame the
United Nations for the current
war. Lie said, "We are told
that the United Nations are
powerless, that they are crippled
by the veto and they are mere-
ly a debating club.""This is dangerous talk and
it is not true. Our present
difficulties do not spring from
the United Nations Charter nor
from its instruments. The
blame for our present diffi-
culties must be laid where it
belongs." He did not indicate
where the fault lay.
Lie said the veto power is the
"sole expression of limitation in
the Charter. However, this
does not mean that the United
Nations are powerless. There is
no way by which any nation,
great or small, could unpunished
commit a serious breach of the
Charter as long as all other mem-
bers observe it. As long as the
United Nations exist and function,
no state can maintain for any
length of time an attitude which
cannot be defended before world
public opinion."—United Press.

'Sacred Duty'

London, May 9.

Major-General Kotikov, Russian
Commandant of Berlin, told a
correspondent of the Army news-
paper, Red Star, according to the
Moscow Radio."The soldiers of the Red Army
quartered outside the Soviet
Union are ready at any moment
under any conditions and at all
costs to fulfill the sacred duty of
a soldier."
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we are in close contact with
our people at home, and this
inspires us to achieve further
success in combat and political
training."—Reuter.

Tokyo, May 10.

Kyushu Island was rocked last
night by an earthquake of "severe
intensity," Japanese press reports
said.
There were no casualties.—
Reuter.British
Bid For
Jap Treaty

Tokyo, May 10.

Political observers here are
welcoming the recent British in-
terest in opening a preliminary
Japanese peace conference as an
indication that it would revive
the long delayed issue of conclud-
ing a Japanese peace treaty.They said Japanese authorities
had hitherto taken it for granted
that a peace treaty would remain
a "forgotten issue" for some
time to come in view of the cur-
rent international situation.British interest was interpreted
here as a desire to normalise
Japan's international relations
and thereby prevent Japan from
falling exclusively under Ameri-
can influence.If a Japanese peace treaty is
not concluded in the near future,
there will be nothing to prevent
the United States from carrying
out her plan for Japan's re-
habilitation without consulting
the other allied powers, these ob-
servers stated.The belief is expressed in Jap-
anese circles here that Britain
will make a concrete proposal for
an early peace conference.—
Reuter.Methodist
Conference

Boston, May 9.

The Methodist Quadrennial
General conference adjourned to-
day after establishing a policy
for 20,000,000 Methodists through-
out the world.Concluding an 11-day con-
ference the 758 delegates passed
the following three-point re-
solution:(1) a plan to President Truman
to recall the Vatican Ambassa-
dor and not appoint a successor;
(2) a three-point programme to
and racial discrimination within
the Church;
(3) opposition to the use of
government funds for the sup-
port of private schools.—United
Press.TOO SMART FOR
GUERRILLAS

Manila, May 9.

Captured by rural guerrillas,
Philippine Constabulary Pvt Sa-
turino Baquiol was taken to the
top of a hill by three armed
guards who announced that he
was to be executed.The doomed man noticed one
of his three captors yawning
sleepily. He also noticed that
the guard had a hand grenade
fastened to his belt.When the guard yawned again,
Baquiol quickly pulled the firing
pin out of the grenade, rolled
down the hillside to escape the
blast, and hiked back to his head-
quarters to report today the death
of three guerrillas.—United Press.

JAP SCREENING

Tokyo, May 10.

The Japanese Government's
Central Screening Committee will
be dissolved today after having
examined the qualifications of
more than 800,000 for public
office over a period of 18 months.
Of those screened, approxi-
mately 200,000 have been purged
of their war-time and pre-war
associations with the military
and ultra-nationalistic organiza-
tions.In future, the screening of
candidates for public offices will
be handled by the Cabinet's
Secretariat.—Reuter.Blueprints For The
New Karachi

Karachi, May 9.

Blueprints for a new metropolis of Karachi with a
population of 2,000,000 and an area of nearly
200 square miles are nearing completion and
are scheduled to be ready for execution this
summer.Sir Patrick Abercrombie, Brit-
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roads and almost 70 miles of
railroad connecting the outlying
areas.The blueprint reserves land for
the construction of a University
and capital towns, while indus-
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also are provided for. In addi-
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Defence Pact Discussions: Concrete ProgressCompromise
Useless And
DangerousWashington, May 9.
The American delegation to the United Nations Conference on Freedom of Information at Geneva told Mr. George Marshall, the Secretary of State, today that a compromise with Russia on basic principles is "not only useless but can be extremely dangerous."

In their report, the delegation, which was headed by Mr. William Benton, former Assistant Secretary of State, praised the Conference "record of constructive achievement."

They added: "At the same time, more than a score of proposals and amendments which would have served to cripple freedom of expression were decisively defeated."

Condemning the "intransigence of the Soviet bloc" at the meeting, they warned: "While recognizing that compromise and adjustment with the Soviet bloc are desirable and, indeed, essential in some fields, the non-communist nations are apparently coming to realize that in areas involving deep-seated differences in fundamental principles, present attempts at compromise are not only useless but can be extremely dangerous."—Reuter.

Mountbatten For
Washington?Washington, May 9.
Rear Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten, according to persistent reports, will settle for nothing less than the Washington Embassy post after his retirement as Governor General of India on June 21.

And when the next change is made in that job, he probably can convince cousin George VI that he's the man for it.

This information comes from a source very close to Mountbatten in New Delhi. Published dispatches announcing his retirement as Governor General have speculated that the dashing sailorman, who was last of the Viceroy's, might become either Britain's Ambassador to Moscow or to go back to the Royal Navy.—Associated Press.

REPATRIATION

Tokyo, May 9.
Japanese press reports today said that the second group this year of 1,500 repatriates from Soviet occupied Sakhalin, including one demobilized soldier, was scheduled to arrive in Hakodate, Hokkaido, today.

The group was said to include 401 women and 590 children. The Russians recently resumed repatriating Japanese nationals from Russian controlled areas in the Far East.—United Press.

London, May 9.

Dr. W. R. Inge, former dean of St. Paul's, became ill and went to a nursing home at Oxford this week. The "gloomy dean" will be 88 years old next month.—United Press.

Carrying Out The
Bevin Formula

London, May 9.

The conference of Scandinavian statesmen in Stockholm this weekend has aroused considerable speculation here as to whether a further regional grouping on the Western Union pattern is about to be born.

According to a well-informed source, the Prime Ministers and Foreign Ministers of Norway, Sweden and Denmark, who plan to discuss further integration of their economic and defence policies, will also examine a report on the possibility of a customs union.

This report, drawn up by experts since the Scandinavian statesmen met earlier this year, was not expected, however, to take precedence over military matters.

Scandinavians in London believe that the conclusion of either a Scandinavian defence pact or the Western Union pattern or of a customs union is still a long way off. But many Scandinavians here have the impression that events are slowly but definitely moving in that direction.

Though the Stockholm meeting has attracted far less attention than the weekend meeting of the Congress of Europe at The Hague, there was an impression in diplomatic quarters here that it might represent more concrete progress towards a European Federation than was likely to be achieved by the ordinary and the committee work in the Dutch capital.

Inter-Group Defence

In any case, if the Scandinavian meeting is at all significant, it is clear that it represents a move along the lines suggested by Mr. Ernest Bevin, the Foreign Secretary, in the House of Commons last Tuesday rather than those sketched out by Mr. Winston Churchill at The Hague on Friday.

Mr. Bevin very strongly hinted on the first day of the foreign affairs debate that he envisaged the next steps toward the "consolidation of Western Europe" developing through the creation of other regional groups on the Western Union pattern, among which inter-group defence relations might subsequently be formed.

Recent events in Scandinavia are certainly not incompatible with this line of thought, though they may well prove to be incompatible with the appeal made by Mr. Churchill at The Hague that the Scandinavian states, the countries of the Iberian peninsula and Italy should be brought into the Western Union group as soon as possible.

In fact, though the evolution of thought on these matters in Scandinavia has been watched from London with close attention, the British Government has been studiously careful to avoid overtures towards these states aimed at drawing them into the Western Union.

Separate Pacts

There are strong reasons to think, therefore, that official opinion here now decisively favours separate regional pacts. The development of the Western Union itself has this week been overshadowed by the alternate progress and crises of the six-power London Conference on Germany.

GEISHAS' NEW
SYSTEM

Tokyo, May 8.

Many geisha girls have decided it is more fun and more profitable to sell their "entertainment" at parties in private homes rather than to operate through the age-old system of "geisha exchange houses."

Hitherto singing, dancing and otherwise attractive geisha could be channelled to parties at so-called "tea houses" only through the medium of the exchanges. Tokyo Times said the geisha now telephone their patrons directly and book engagements, considerably boosting their income and confusing tax collectors.—United Press.

Ngauruhoe
Still Active

Rotorua, New Zealand, May 9.

The effect of magnetic and radio disturbances upon New Zealand's newly-activated volcano, Ngauruhoe, is awaited with interest by the meeting here with the Government volcanologist, Mr. J. Healy, on May 11.

Mr. L. Thomson, Director of Carter Observatory at Wellington, predicted sunspot activities from May 12 to 15. Mr. Healy thinks they will not affect Ngauruhoe, "which is more apt to react to phases of the moon, since eruptive activities seem to tie up more closely with tidal effects in the lunar relationship."

Ngauruhoe was still active today after its explosive outburst at 5.30 p.m. on April 30 ended a 20-year dormant period. Snowcapped Ruapehu, eight miles distant, has been quiescent since a single heavy blast on May 1 shot skyward 6,000 feet, depositing a heavy ash ring over the surrounding areas.

Probably the next volcano to let go, Mr. Healy told the United Press, will be the largest of them all—Tongariro—which is already indicating restlessness. Mr. Healy declined to predict a probable eruptive date for Tongariro.—United Press.

Danish King's
Visit To "Fresno"

Copenhagen, May 9.

King Frederick of Denmark, who served for many years in the United States Navy, paid a weekend visit to the United States cruiser Fresno (C-6000 tons) as the guest of Admiral Richard Connolly, the Commander-in-Chief.

Wearing an admiral's uniform, the King made the visit as the Commander-in-Chief of the Danish Navy rather than as the King of Denmark. He showed keen interest in the ship's 12 five-inch dual purpose guns and spent some time on the bridge and in the crew's quarters.

The Fresno and two American destroyers, the Johnson and W.R. Rush, are on a six-day goodwill visit to Copenhagen.—Reuter.

Sforza Expected To
Become President

Rome, May 9.

Count Carlo Sforza, Foreign Minister and career diplomat, was made the majority choice tonight for election as President of the Italian Republic at Parliament's joint meeting tomorrow.

Premier Alcide de Gasperi and his Christian Democrat Party, who hold more than half the total membership in the combined Senate and Chamber, backed Count Sforza over three other independent politicians.

President Enrico de Nicola, with whom Premier de Gasperi has often disagreed, was opposed by the majority party and their Right Wing Socialist and Republican supporters.

Signor de Nicola, an unassuming, modest lawyer who never wanted to be chief of the State when he became provisional President in June, 1946, has "manoeuvred" out of the running for re-election. The constitution, in a tribute to his work during the formative period of the new Republic, has provided specifically that he will be recognized as the first President of the country as of January this year.

But as one of Italy's keenest jurists, painstaking in fulfilling even minor duties of his office, he has often blocked Signor de Gasperi's moves by refusing to yield on points of law. Two weeks ago the Christian Democrat Party newspaper and the nominally independent press, which supports the Government, published reports that Signor de Nicola would not want to be re-elected.—United Press.

TAIWAN
REPATRIATION

Shanghai, May 9.

The fourth and last batch of Japanese to be repatriated from Taiwan will sail from the island for Japan on May 12, according to Chinese press reports today. The group numbers 422 persons, including 125 women and 170 children. Their ship will call at Shanghai and Tsingtao to pick up additional repatriates.—Reuter.

KING GUSTAV

Nice, May 8.

King Gustav of Sweden, whose annual holiday on the French Riviera is about to end, was today making preparations to leave here on Tuesday, May 11. He has told the Prefecture that he does not wish for a public farewell. He went for a motor drive to Beaulieu-sur-Mer after lunch today.—Reuter.

CYCLING MISHAP

Copenhagen, May 9.

Three people were injured, including a 10-year old girl, who was stated this evening to be dying, when one of the competitors in an international cycling race here today was thrown from his machine among the spectators.—Reuter.

IVARAN LINES FAR EAST SERVICE

Expected arrivals from U.S. Atlantic Ports:-

M.V. "REINHOLD"	about May 22nd
M.V. "IVARAN"	" " 25th
M.V. "STOCKHOLM"	" " 11th
A. VESSEL	" " August 15th

Expected sailings for New York via Panama

M.V. "REINHOLD"	about May 25th
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"TREVELYAN"	Shanghai	24th May
"ORBITA"	Shanghai	5th June
"TREVOSE"	U.K. and Continent via Straits	17th June
"TREVEAN"	Japan	22nd June

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SHIP	TO	SAILING
"CANTON"	Singapore, Penang, Colombo, Bombay, Aden, Port Said & London (Tilbury)	noon 15th May
"TREVEAN"	Shanghai & Japan	25th May
"TREVELYAN"	Singapore, Penang, Aden, Port Said, Genoa, Marseilles, London, Antwerp, Rotterdam (Amsterdam)	28th May

SHIP	TO	SAILING
"ORBITA"	Shanghai & Japan	30th May
"TREVOSE"	Singapore, Penang, Colombo, Aden, Port Said, Genoa, London, Antwerp, Rotterdam (Amsterdam)	21st June
"TREVEAN"		24th June

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"TURNER"	Shanghai	26th May
SHIP	TO	SAILING
"TURNER"	Shanghai & Japan	13th May
"TURNER"	Bombay via Straits	20th May

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ARRIVALS

SHIP	FROM	DUE
"SANGOLA"	Japan & Amoy	21st May

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SHIP	TO	SAILING
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"NELLORE"	Australia & Manila	10th June

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JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN SERVICE

Arrivals	Sailings
"TJIBADAK" from Amoy 11th May	to Javaports & Macassar, 12th May.
"TJITJALENGKA" from Macassar and Javaports, 11 May	to Manila 10th May, to Javaports & Macassar, 20th May.
"TJISADANE" from Macassar, 25th May	to Javaports & Macassar, 9th June.

ASIA-AFRICA-SOUTH AMERICA SERVICE

Arrivals	Sailings
"BOISSEVAIN" In Port	to South Africa, South America, via Manila & Straits 11th May
"STRAAT MALAKKA" from South America, South Africa, 17th May	to Shanghai 20th May, to South Africa, South America, 4th June
"TEGELBERG" from South Africa, South America, 10th June	to South Africa, South America, 29th June.

Transshipment cargo on through B/L to Dar-Es-Salaam, Mombasa, Zanzibar accepted on all sailings.

SUMATRA-MALAYA-CHINA SERVICE

Arrivals	Sailings
"HEINRICH JESSEN" from Belawan, Deli & Straits 13th May	to Swatow & Amoy 14th May
from Amoy & Swatow 20th May	to Straits & Belawan, Deli 21st May

Agents: HOLLAND-EAST ASIA LINE

Arrivals	Sailings
"RÖDERKERK" from Japan & Shanghai 25th May	to Europe via Straits 31st May.

Arrivals	Sailings
"MARIEKERK" from Europe 5th June	to Europe via Straits 7th July
"MOLENERKERK" from Europe, early July	to Europe via Straits, late July.

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Agents: SILVER LINE LTD.

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	Late June	m.v. "TONGHAI"

ARRIVALS

From	Date	Vessel
Atlantic Coast	22nd May	m.v. "BALI"
via Los Angeles	12th June	m.v. "DONA AURORA"
	Mid. July	m.v. "DONA NATI"

SAILINGS

From	Date	Vessel
Atlantic Coast	17th June	m.v. "DONA AURORA"
via Los Angeles	Mid. June	m.v. "BENGAL"
	Mid. July	m.v. "DONA NATI"
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